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Christmas Party Guide

Meet Cowbridge's Movember man as charity gala is planned for town

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A COWBRIDGE man is planning a big night in the town for Movember with a gala ball at The Bear Hotel on November 10, 7pm until 12.30.

Tim Ballard has been a supporter of the Movember Foundation for over six years, and recently he was invited to become one of only two 'Movember Ambassadors' for Wales.

The Movember Foundation's is best known for raising awareness of prostate and testicular cancer – areas where men are notoriously reluctant to consult their GP.

Tim's already strong motivation to help the charity was increased two years ago when he was diagnosed with cancer.

He told The GEM: "I was diagnosed with kidney cancer two years ago, and I was guilty of being slow to respond to symptoms."

"This made me even more determined to assist Movember with their aim to 'stop men dying too young'."

In Tim's case, the diagnosis led quickly to the conclusion that the kidney was beyond hope, and it was removed almost immediately, but with the 'good news' that the cancer had not spread.

As with any cancer patient, Tim has been monitored for the last two years and has been clear for that period.

Tim said: "Over the last six years, I've personally raised over £8,000 and last year as a team we raised £21,000; we're hoping to make it £25,000 this year."

The ball is on November 10 at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, 7pm to 12.30pm, and has a live band, the Apple Tree Theory. It is black tie, with a welcome drink and a three-course meal.

For more details, and to buy a ticket, go to app.etickets.to/buy/?e=16047.

Town's one last push before High Street vote

VALE AM Jane Hutt came to Cowbridge this week to show her support for Cowbridge as finalists in the Great British High Street 2018.

The High Street was entered in the competition by the Chamber of Trade. It was chosen as one of 12 finalists for the Rising Star competition, out of over 200 entrants, for its digital innovation.

The chamber collaborated with start-up App company NearMeNow, who have developed an App to support high streets and independent businesses across the UK. This app has also been shortlisted for the Nat West Start Up Entrepreneur of 2018 and is a finalist at The Duke of York's Pitch@thepalace in Buckingham Palace.

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**'Cut to Vale budget will hit people hard'
says local councillor - full story page 9.**

Young players made their mark on Cowbridge 10K



Pictured with Debbie Morgan and Helen Jones are Tom Hughes, under-7s; Tomos Evans, under-8s; Lucas Sandford-Taylor, under-9s; Joseph Sandford-Taylor, under-11s; Ben Stephenson, under-13s; Harry Jackson, under-14s; and Kofi Jones, under-16s.

(PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKE WILCOCK)

PICTURED are some of the 220 Cowbridge mini-rugby players who raised £4,600 at the recent Cowbridge 10K event.

They met at the rugby club to be congratulated by Debbie Morgan, chairperson, and Helen Jones,

treasurer of Cancer Research UK, Cowbridge.

Organisers of the Cowbridge 10K and Cancer Research UK said: "We would like to take the opportunity of thanking the rugby club for its continuing support and allowing us to use their great facilities."

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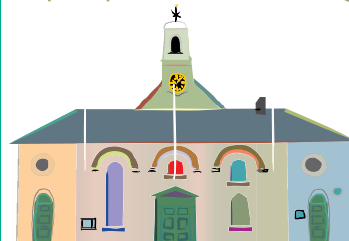
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'Outdated views making LGBT community feel less worthy'

IREFER to Mr Mountain's letter in the Llantwit Major GEM of October 11 and ask why he persists in referring to LGBT people as 'them' or 'they', as though we are alien population in your midst?

May I point out that we are your sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, even mothers and fathers. We are surprisingly like the rest of the human race, included as members of the general public, not some sort of separate entity. We are also taxpayers, in my case since 1962.

All we have ever wanted is to be treated equally. We have no other 'creed' or 'dogma' than that.

Yes, we have come a long way in terms of social policy and the

law, but the changes were not gifted to us, we had to march and 'parade' in order to achieve them. As long as LGBT people continue to be abused or killed, both in this country and worldwide, we clearly still have a fight on our hands.

Among my LGBT friends, I have doctors, nurses, police officers, teachers, priests and politicians. Would you find them 'acceptable', I wonder?

As a gay woman, I did not 'choose a particular lifestyle', but had to learn to deal with the reality.

Finally, any 'guilt complex' we suffer, is as a result of having to deal with views like yours, which continue to attempt to make us feel less worthy as individuals, sounds all too familiar!

Yvonne Morris, Barry.

'A letter from the past?'

IREAD the letter on page 2 of last week's Llantwit Major GEM from Doug Mountain.

Can you confirm it is a new letter, because it appears to have been posted in the 1970s.

It states that being LGBT is a life choice – is The GEM happy to have published that as fact, without any evidence to back it up?

Dave Thomas,

Vale of Glamorgan.

LGBTQ letter is 'prehistoric'

WITH reference to Doug Mountain's letter in last week's GEM, firstly, congratulations on his very public coming out – as a bigot.

I'm glad you admitted it in your letter, Mr Mountain.

You talk about LGBTQ equality in law, etc., while demonstrating perfectly the need for the

community to celebrate diversity, with your views that somehow gay people are not 'acceptable' or indeed, part of the 'general public'.

Discriminative views such as those held by you and a thankfully reduced number of dinosaurs are outdated and regarded as vile by most decent people.

However, you have proven that we still have a way to go.

Geoff Batten, Barry.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

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'Live and let live' for the LGBT community

IN reply to Doug Mountain's letter of October 11 in The GEM, with the heading 'LGBT should not waste public resources', I wish to point out that LGBT people are the public.

In answer to 'what do LGBT want?', they, just like everyone else, want to be respected for simply who they are.

This also renders his use of the hurtful word 'dogma' as nothing of meaning.

'Choosing a particular lifestyle' is the most offensive of all. People on the whole know they are LGBT when they are young, maybe in their early teens.

His term 'promote their creed' is particularly damaging, when you consider the consequences of repressing someone's sexuality. It can lead to

loneliness, isolation, depression, alienation, self harm and suicide.

We are talking about a significant part of the population, so please do not in the name of religion, fear or hate, attack people who are part of our and every community.

Llantwit Major Pride was an expression of all that is good about Llantwit, in the support by shops and businesses and by the warmth and love that was shown by so many people on that Saturday.

It's not about whether you want to join in or not, it's just another part of the life of people here and everywhere – live and let live.

Tim Draper, Llantwit Major.

Getting to the bottom of 'nuclear mud' dumping debate

IT will be of little surprise that the top issue in my postbag at the moment is concern about nuclear mud dumping off the south Wales coast.

Residents are understandably worried about its safety and it is clear further tests need to be carried out.

That is why I helped draft and supported a cross-party motion in the Assembly this week, which called for the licence to be suspended to allow this to take place.

Sadly, this was blocked after Labour AMs took the Welsh Government whip and voted against.

Over the past few weeks, it has been reported that "English mud" is being dumped off the Welsh coastline but it is important to stress this is not the case.

Any mud taken from

one part of the estuary has to be deposited in that same estuary and only two dumping grounds are available.

One of these is a single use site; the other is Cardiff Banks, which has an annual allowance for 1.5 million tonnes.

This is a crucial point – and shows why the debate must not be allowed to turn into a battle between England and Wales.

It goes without saying that I wholeheartedly support the campaign for more thorough and extensive testing to take place.

But this is too important an issue to be hijacked and become part of a Welsh nationalist agenda.

Instead, the focus must be on guaranteeing the safety of our communities.

Andrew RT Davies, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for the Environment and South Wales Central Regional AM

'Lies and incompetence' over toxic mud issue

IWAS appalled at the coverage of the disgraceful toxic mud situation in The GEM (October 4) quoting EDF's statement without comment.

In fact, according to campaigner Max Wallis, "The point established in court is that the company EIA (EDF's Environmental Impact Assessment) does not cover the dumping in Welsh waters – if it had, they would have been forced to consult on it in Wales."

"It's our NRW and Welsh Government who strongly (and wrongly)

asserted the EIA did cover the dumping."

There have been lies and incompetence here, from EDF, Natural Resources Wales and our Government. If you had to believe independent environmental campaigners or the nuclear industry, whose word do you think is more credible when it comes to protecting our waters? If they've nothing to fear, why not do the proper tests?

Why was the story hidden away on page 23? This could affect the health of thousands of readers.

Please take this situation seriously. Blanche Rowen, Barry.

See more letters from GEM readers on local topics of interest and concern on page 16.

How does Vale Council assess public opinion?

HAVING read the recent report of the proposed gypsy and traveller site and the resultant petition opposing it, we have yet another example of the council trying to offer reassurance, but clearly ignoring the genuine concerns raised by those directly affected.

While there is a legal requirement to make provision for the gypsy and traveller community, sadly such sites often generate negative attention for any number of reasons.

I guess we all have to be careful that decision making isn't influenced by possible prejudice, but neither should we feel that views are not properly considered in an open and transparent fashion.

People will still be smarting from the incinerator debacle and how little consultation actually served any real purpose, despite the council's insistence that local views would be

considered. It is now the council's intention to go through a similar consultation exercise, although it is never made explicit to those taking part just how the information collected will contribute to the overall decision making process.

If one looks at the council's own principles outlined in its Public Engagement Framework, it states that engagement is designed to make a difference.

It states that there should be clearly defined aims and objectives and these should make clear to participants exactly what they can and can't change. If nothing can be changed, then there is no need to engage.

Clearly, the petition already submitted has outlined the strength of feeling around the proposed site, but I feel for absolute clarity on the worth of public input, the council should be seen to be applying the guiding principles of its own agreed framework and publicise to the public the critical areas that are yet to be resolved.

Rob Taylor, Barry.

'Disappointment' over reader's letter

IWAS disappointed The GEM chose to publish the letter from Doug Mountain.

The idea the LGBT community should be invisible is ridiculous and offensive. You're talking about our friends and families and neighbours and colleagues.

Just imagine the harm

you've caused in legitimising such an antiquated idea. No one has the right to imply the LGBT community is not acceptable and The GEM should play no part in this provocation.

It's an attitude that causes huge damage and holds all of us back. While people like Doug Mountain exist we will always need Pride.

Brian Minchin, Vale of Glamorgan.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
18 Thur	01.27	7.2	14.21	7.3
19 Fri	03.12	7.3	15.49	7.6
20 Sat	04.23	7.9	16.46	8.2
21 Sun	05.12	8.5	17.28	8.8
22 Mon	05.53	9.0	18.09	9.3
23 Tues	06.27	9.5	18.45	9.7
24 Wed	06.59	9.9	19.19	10.0
25 Thur	07.36	10.1	19.54	10.2

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Can Cowbridge lay claim to Champion High Street title?

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As a pilot town, Cowbridge traders will all have free use of the app to support their businesses, hopefully giving them a boost in what is a very tough retail environment.

Kate Thomas, chair of the Chamber of Trade said: "The judges will be visiting the town on Friday, October 26 between 1pm and 3pm and we hope the whole community will come together to support our bid."

"We have two hours to impress the judges by demonstrating our digital prowess and our community spirit. All businesses are welcome to take part. We have bunting and balloons for the retailers. We really want to show the judges

what a fantastic place the Vale of Glamorgan is and our strong community spirit.

"If we win the Rising Star we will also be put forward against the Champion High Streets to compete for overall Best High Street in the UK."

"We will be scored out of 70 by the judges on the day but 30 points also come from the public vote, so we would really appreciate people voting for us by adding both #myhighstreet and #ghscowbridge to any post made on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Voting is open until October 31."

"If anyone would like to help us decorate we will meet this Sunday at 3pm at Sylvia Williams Chemist."



Kate Thomas of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade (right) with Vale AM Jane Hutt.

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CADS' new show has war theme

FOLLOWING the success of the November 2016 production of *Echoes of the War*, by JM Barrie, two one-act plays which commemorated 100 years since the Battle of the Somme, Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) is again honouring the millions who fought, were injured and died in World War One.

This year's production is also in two parts; the first being a new path for CADS, made up of newspaper articles, poetry and songs of the period, demonstrating how differently people felt at the beginning, during and at the end of 'the War to End all Wars'!

Firstly, jubilation; followed by horror and disbelief, then relief when it was all over and the realisation that world would never be the same.

Four very famous songs from the time will be performed where it is hoped the audience will join in, the words being well-known, whatever your age.

Part 2 – Barbara's Wedding written in 1918 by JM Barrie, is a ghost

story dealing with love, loss and remembrance. Following the play, the postscript is particularly moving, and it is recommended you bring some tissues!

As with the 2016 production, ticket sales for the evening of Saturday, November 10 will be donated to the Royal British Legion and special thanks go to them for the help and advice.

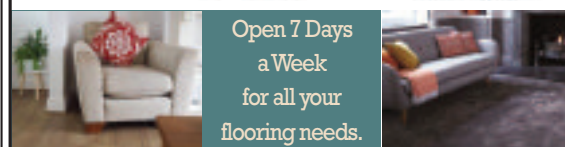
Big Screen's taste of history

BIG Screen's next film is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society* (Cert 15) on Thursday, October 25 at 7.30pm in the Cowbridge Town Hall.

With its intriguing title, this film concerns a young writer (Jessica Brown Findlay) forming an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey while researching their experiences during the Nazi occupation, told via a series of letters. With a cast of British stars, including Tom Courtenay, Lilly James and Katherine Parkinson, this romantic romp cannot fail to charm.

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Toe-curling behaviour at WI meeting

THE October meeting of Ystradowen and District WI opened with a short talk on data protection, given by the daughter of one of the members.

Most of the group were probably unaware that our names, addresses and dates of birth could also lead to information on our health, religion, ethnic origin and personal details, which could be passed on to other interested parties.

This information cannot now be held indefinitely and all organisations have to adhere to seven core principles, or face heavy fines. Members were reminded of the recent hacking of major banks and social media sites. It was a thought-provoking talk on the advances of technology.

The business of the evening involved a decision on the tree at the Cowbridge Holy Cross Christmas Tree Festival, the donation of either indulgent or practical gifts for the

Women's Refuge in December and a reminder of the availability of the 2019 WI diaries and calendars. Members were also reminded of the visit to Hotters Shoes in November and a Link Meeting in Ystradowen on October 29.

The evening ended with the sport of curling. The president had borrowed a set of indoor curling equipment and three teams of four were chosen. Standards of good behaviour fell below the expected level with cries of 'tampering with the equipment', doubtful decisions on the position of the stones on the target and several members were seen to punch the air after a particularly mediocre shot.

Any resemblance to the brilliant United Kingdom team from Scotland at the Winter Olympics was hard to imagine. The eventual outcome was a win for the blue team of Myfanwy, Trixie, Bubbles and Gwen.

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Revamped St Athan play area is now open after £150,000 project

LOUGHER Place play area in St Athan was officially opened at a celebration event held by local community organisation Saints.

The site has undergone major redevelopment thanks to the efforts of the group, with work carried out by the Vale Council.

Saints is made up of local residents who aim to improve open spaces and play areas in the village.

Using the slogan #learn#grow#play#together, they want to encourage children to be more active and provide positive outdoor environments for them to enjoy.

Led by Lisa Austin, Sally Gardiner, Charlotte Cook and David Elston, they collected £3,500 towards this scheme, which involved a complete overhaul of the existing play area, the installation of new play equipment and site resurfacing.

The total cost of the scheme was £157,500, with £126,000 coming from a Welsh Government grant and £28,000 from section 106 contributions linked to local building developments secured by the council.

Alongside the main play area, which features a range of modern equipment, a new multi-use games area where ball games can be played has been built.

That contains a noise-absorbing fence to minimise disturbance, while a new footpath has been created and work to improve drainage carried out.

Equipment installed at the site includes cradle nest swings, wide slides, supportive spring rockers, a manoeuvre course, a climbing frame tower and ground hut. It has been designed

with tactile and group play elements in mind, featuring high contrast colours and sound elements.

The range of 'play experiences' are accessible to disabled and able bodied children and allow children of different ages to play together. Work was carried out by HACS, a producer of recreational products in Europe.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council and ward councillor for St Athan, said: "This is the latest in a long line of play area improvements undertaken by the council. I was pleased to be able to work with Lisa and the team to see this project come to fruition.

"I'd like to thank members of Saints for all their hard work in fundraising for this project along with everyone who contributed, especially the Vale Council Officers who worked with the community to design the scheme and also oversaw the application for the European funding grant.

"This exciting scheme has seen Lougher Place transformed into an ultra-modern play area full of exciting and inclusive equipment that can be enjoyed by disabled and able-bodied children across a wide variety of ages.

"I hope the people of St Athan enjoy their new facility and it helps to encourage the kind of active, healthy lifestyle we as a council want to promote."

Ms Austin said: "I'd like to thank the local community for their efforts. I hope they feel the play area is a fitting reward for all that hard work and it will give children and families from St Athan somewhere to enjoy for many years to come."

Yay! Celebration time at Lougher Place as the new playground is declared open.



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CADS' show has war theme

FOLLOWING the success of the November 2016 production of *Echoes of the War*, by JM Barrie, two one-act plays which commemorated 100 years since the Battle of the Somme, Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) is again honouring the millions who fought, were injured and died in World War One.

This year's production is also in two parts; the first being a new path for CADS, made up of newspaper articles, poetry and songs of the period, demonstrating how differently people felt at the beginning, during and at the end of 'the War to End all Wars'!

Firstly, jubilation; followed by horror and disbelief, then relief when it was all over and the realisation that world would never be the same.

Four very famous songs from the time will be performed where it is hoped the audience will join in, the words being well-known, whatever your age.

Part 2 – Barbara's Wedding written in 1918 by JM Barrie, is a ghost story dealing with love, loss and remembrance. Following the play, the postscript is particularly moving, and it is recommended you bring some tissues!

As with the 2016 production, ticket sales for the evening of Saturday, November 10 will be donated to the Royal British Legion and special thanks go to them for the help and advice.

Big Screen's taste of history

BIG Screen's next film is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society* (Cert 15) on Thursday, October 25 at 7.30pm in the Cowbridge Town Hall.

With its intriguing title, this film concerns a young writer (Jessica Brown Findlay) forming an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey while researching their experiences during the Nazi occupation, told via a series of letters. With a cast of British stars, including Tom Courtenay, Lily James and Katherine Parkinson, this romantic romp cannot fail to charm.

Doors open 7.10pm. Tickets (£4) available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

£125,000 raised for charity as Angela is remembered on Machu Picchu trek



The Cancer Research Wales team raised £125,000.



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News from Llangan School

THE children at Llangan School were delighted last week to learn that they had won the competition for the best scarecrow at the first Penllyn Village Scarecrow Hunt that took place on September 30.

The beautiful ballerina scarecrow is on display in the school car park. I understand this competition will become an annual event in Penllyn village, due to the excellent response.

On October 9 headteacher Miss Sue Price accompanied the head boy and girl Elis and Ellie to a super ambassador's meeting.

This was hosted at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff; representatives from schools in Cardiff and the Vale attended to learn about the importance of pupil voice within school.

On October 10 a group of children from Llangan gardening club visited Dyffryn Gardens in St Nicholas to see the trees in the changing seasons.

On October 18 years 3/4 pupils are visiting Cardiff Castle to learn all about the Victorians. The children have been studying this topic this term.

Saron Chapel, Treoes
The next service at Saron will take place on Sunday, October 21 at 3pm. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome; the service will be conducted by Daphne Parker.

Christmas at the Castle

ON Friday, November 30 at join Tŷ Hafan to begin this year's festive celebrations at Cardiff Castle.

Sing along to contemporary choirs, riot jazz and seasonal soulful sounds under the stars. Performances from Treorchy Male Voice Choir, Bass 12, Super Choir, Cathays Brass Band, Fit For Your Princess (Elsa, Anna and Belle), Vocal Harmony. There's something for everyone at this unique Christmas celebration; children can enjoy festive face painting, entertainment, games and crafts plus a visit from the real Santa Claus!

Spread some joy this Christmas and help Tŷ Hafan to provide comfort, care and support to life-limited children and their families in Wales, all year round. Time: 6pm-8.30pm (doors open at 5.30pm) - For more information contact: 029 2053 2279, events@tyhafan.org.

A BARRY woman travelled to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu to raise funds for Cancer Research Wales and in memory of her late sister.

Christine Biddlecombe told The GEM the trek along the Inca trail was an unforgettable experience which was dedicated to

her sister, Angela Birner. Angela (65) died in February and was well known in Barry, having lived in the town all her life.

Christine said: "I decided to go on a charity trek for Angela and to raise as much money as I could for Cancer Research Wales."

"One of my main fundraising events was a music night held in Barry at which friends and

family gathered and raised more than £2,000.

"The trek was to Machu Picchu in Peru. We trekked for five days along the historic Inca trail, passing through the most incredible scenery - snow-capped glaciers, sub-tropical vegetation, historic Inca sites and lots of llamas."

"The highlights for me were going through the Sun Gate and the amazing first view of Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas, and the local people we met, with their open hearts and a love of their country."

"In total I raised £4,200, but as a group we raised more than £125,000 - to help provide better treatment for cancer sufferers here in Wales."

Christine added: "It was an unforgettable experience in memory of an irreplaceable sister."

Local produce market proves a popular draw



THE third St Hilary produce market, on a wonderfully sunny October 7, was very well attended: by villagers, passing walkers, people from Cowbridge, Cardiff and surrounding villages.

The afternoon raised £535 for village projects, including funding of our newsletter for 2019.

A wide variety of locally-sourced ingredients were turned into jams, chutneys, crumbles, pies, cakes and soup. Every item of food was either foraged locally (blackberries,

watercress, apples, and nuts), made by St Hilary villagers, or both.

A popular attraction at the event was the opportunity to press apples (of which St Hilary has an abundance).

Many bottles of fresh juice were consumed and taken home. Teas, coffee and cakes were served while people chatted with their neighbours, making the whole event a lovely gathering.

A big thank you goes to everyone who made items for sale; helped with running the event and to those who came and bought.

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Demand for non-plastic party goods balloons

A VALE-based woman has taken the 'war on plastic' into her own hands after launching one of the UK's first sustainable party supply businesses.

Laura Lowe (34) launched 'Make It Pop' after a party held at her Bonvilston home for around 100 guests left her disturbed at the amount of waste involved.

Laura set about sourcing her own range of melamine tableware, decorations, and plastic-free party bags.

Laura said: "Like most parents, I try and be mindful of the environment and the amount of waste involved in hosting children's parties at home or in hired venues is quite shocking."

"With three children, there is rarely a weekend

that goes by where I'm not attending a party and witnessing the waste involved there either. Make It Pop is my own personal contribution to the war on plastic I suppose, which is far from new, but has certainly gathered pace in recent times."

Environmental threats posed by single use party plastics are now so significant, the EU is considering banning single use plastic-coated plates, drinks stirrers, cutlery and balloon sticks from children's parties altogether.

With a background in marketing, Laura created the site to help raise awareness of the positive effects renting out items such as table runners, reusable melamine plates and cups and decorations can have not only on the environment, but on the purse strings too.

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Hundreds visit to learn about Island Farm's World War Two German prisoner of war past

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THE Hut 9 preservation group recently staged the latest of their open days at the site of the former prisoner of war camp at Island Farm, Bridgend, and entertained over 800 visitors.

The site of the famous 'Welsh Great Escape' is normally closed to visitors for much of the year, but the doors to Hut 9 open twice annually allowing people from far and near an opportunity to enter.

The tour started with a talk and film presentation from the group chairman Brett Exton, and after a short walk there was free time to explore the room layouts and chat with the many re-enactors occupying the rooms.

Every aspect of the history of the hut was covered, from its beginning as an ROF ladies accommodation camp, through the American presence and up to the arrival of the German prisoners in late 1944.

Its history did not end there as, at the war's end, the camp re-opened as Special Camp 11, holding a large number of Hitler's high command awaiting transportation back to Germany to await trial.

Also on display were a large number of original room paintings, now over 70 years old and really quite fragile.

Most visitors then took a little time relaxing and chatting with the re-enactors over a cup of tea and a slice of cake from the hut's Naafi cafe.

The preservation group are presently concentrating upon some new plans for the pleasure of their visitors and shall shortly announce their opening dates for March 2019.



Remembered in perpetuity: the sons of Penarth

JACK Regan was one of 207 men named on the Roll of Honour in St Augustine's Church, Penarth.

The Roll was the original Town memorial to those who died in the First World War and is non-denominational.

Jack Regan of Maugham Street was killed in action on July 31, 1916. He left a widow, Ginny, and six children under the age of nine. His granddaughter says that one of the items returned to Ginny and which has survived, is a Collins Gem dictionary, that her husband took to war with him. Inside the back cover, he wrote the names and birthdays of his children.

For the last four years, the Roll of Honour Project Team has been collecting family stories, those passed down by word of mouth or gleaned from a few surviving letters.

For example, the great niece of William Sweet-Escott tells us that a young William liked football and billiards, but



Lieutenant William Sweet-Escott of the Royal Field Artillery.

was not in favour of votes for women. William was killed in action on October 14, 1918. He was 20.

The Project Team hopes that events taking place in Penarth over the weekend of November 9-11 will prompt more people with a connection to the Roll of Honour to come forward and share

their family stories.

It is important that the family accounts, those that give particulars not in official documents are recorded now, before memories fade. These details may seem insignificant, but they give us a glimpse of an all too often short life.

The Arts and Crafts style Roll of Honour in St Augustine's Church can be seen during Open Church Extra on Saturday, November 10. The project team will be on hand, as will the church archivist and the habitat and heritage team of the Friends of St Augustine's.

On November 11 we will be remembering men who died 100 years ago. Because of this project, we are sure that 207 sons of Penarth will be remembered for another 100 years.

The Roll of Honour can be viewed at www.friendsofstaugustines.org/roll-of-honour/. The Friends of St Augustine's can be contacted at friendsofstaugustines@penarth@yahoo.com.

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Courage at the hardest time... Kathryn set to hold charity fundraiser

A BARRY woman who is facing the "the hardest months" of her life is holding a breast cancer fundraiser in the town on Friday, October 19.

Kathryn Harris (41) told The GEM that she is determined to do something positive at a time when there was a temptation to feel helpless.

The fundraiser takes place tomorrow evening at the Cherry Orchard from 5pm to 10pm.

She explained: "It's a 'Wear it Pink' event for breast cancer. We've got the upstairs free as the venue for it. There's going to be bingo, a raffle, quizzes and lots of fun."

"I've been feeling very ill due to chemotherapy but my sister Sarah has done an amazing job in getting

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some wonderful prizes from businesses in Barry."

Among the prizes donated are £130 worth of vouchers for 16 people to play two games at Barry Island Quasar, a meal for two at the Izmir Turkish restaurant and gym memberships.

The key thing is to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Now cause, which supports research into breast cancer. Kathryn, who is married to Dean and has three children, was diagnosed with breast cancer five months ago.

"In May I found a lump and faced a five-week wait for a diagnosis.

"I'm a working mum and a wait was terrible so I went to the Spire Cardiff Hospital and had a mammogram. When the surgeon came it was very blunt: 'You have cancer'."

Kathryn actually appreciated the no nonsense approach. She explained: "I'm the sort of person who has always looked at the 'worst case scenario' so in a way I'd diagnosed myself as having cancer - I think if you assume the worst anything better is a bonus."

She has HER 2 breast cancer, an aggressive form of the disease. Kathryn was referred back to Llandough Hospital. "I had surgery to remove the lump in June and had one lymph node removed."

The cancer had spread and a few weeks later she had the rest of her lymph nodes removed. She is currently undergoing



Kathryn Harris.

four and a half months of chemotherapy at Velindre Hospital. After that she faces radiotherapy five days a week for four weeks.

"The months ahead are the hardest I will face, but I'm trying to find the positives. I know we're going to have a great evening - my daughter Sophie goes to Romilly Primary School and the parents have been amazing donating things and saying they'll come along."

She added: "Hopefully, I will survive this and help to change things for people in the future."

Search on Just Giving.com for Kathryn Harris Breast Cancer Warrior' for more information.

Hinkley mud operation is over – for now...

LAST week, contractors finished depositing mud at Cardiff Grounds not far off the Vale coast in the Severn Estuary.

The mud had been dredged from near the Hinkley Point site in Somerset and a campaign was launched against its disposal, demanding that it be suspended until further testing on the mud could be carried out.

EDF Energy requested that the mud and sediment be removed so it can drill six vertical shafts for the cooling system for the new nuclear power station.

Last Friday, an EDF Energy spokesman said: "Hinkley Point C contractors have now completed the licensed work to dredge and deposit mud in the Severn estuary."

"This mud is no different to mud found anywhere else up and down the coast. It has been thoroughly tested by a UK Government agency whose experts confirmed it poses no threat to human health or the environment."

Two days earlier, the Welsh Assembly had debated a Plaid/Conservative motion which demanded NRW suspend the marine licence allowing the

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disposal.

Plaid Cymru were angry that Labour voted not to suspend the licence - the motion was defeated by 26 votes to 22. All the Labour AMs present at the debate, including Vale AM Jane Hutt and Cardiff South and Penarth AM Vaughan Gething, voted to allow the mud disposal to go ahead.

Plaid Cymru councillor for Barry Island, Cllr Nic Hodges, spoke at a rally outside the Assembly as the debate was going on inside. He said: "Concerns have been raised about the testing of this mud being dredged from underneath the Hinkley Point nuclear power stations, including it has not been tested to sufficient depth and that the wrong methodology has been used."

"It is disappointing that Labour have ignored these concerns and are hiding behind NRW, an organisation that has been plagued by problems and has lost public confidence."

"Huge amounts of mud have been dumped in the Severn Channel

and is already washing up on our beautiful coastline."

"After dredging the upper layers of mud around Hinkley Point, the next set will include deeper layers which we believe have not been sufficiently tested."

Plaid Cymru in the Vale said the Welsh Assembly had totally ignored Barry Town Council's recent unanimous vote to suspend the licence and carry out more tests.

Vale AM Jane Hutt secured a commitment from the Welsh Government to instruct Natural Resources Wales to meet the public with scientists about Hinkley Point, with an agreement to report back to the Assembly.

She said it was an important public engagement and "it is

clear that the public is not, and has not, been convinced by their evidence so far."

She added: "It is the assurance of a safeguard that we need here. There must be respect and recognition of my constituents and their concerns. Safeguards must be provided via independent examination, scrutiny and monitoring."

The Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales and EDF Energy have always maintained the disposal operation was safe.

In the end, a total of just under 110,000 tonnes of mud and sediment was dredged in the Severn estuary and deposited at Cardiff Grounds.

Further dredging will be required ahead of drilling the vertical shafts for the cooling water system for the new power station and EDF Energy says it will again work with experts to apply for a licence and comply with the necessary requirements.

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Vale Council will move ahead with plans for village school

CAMPAIGNERS say they will fight on against plans to 'move' a rural primary school after the Vale Council moved to press ahead with it.

The Vale Council cabinet approved plans to move Llancarfan Primary to a new £4 million, 210-place building in nearby Rhoose, where hundreds of new homes are expected over the coming years.

The cabinet has approved the publication of a statutory notice on the proposals, which will give people 28 days to object to the school move before a final decision is made.

Funding for the new building would have to be approved by Welsh Government. But campaigners say they will continue the fight against the plans – which they say amounts to a 'closure' of their school and would ruin the ethos of the rural primary. They say they could launch a judicial review.

It comes after more than 1,000 people opposed the plans across two consultations – and views against the school move were expressed in a council scrutiny committee.

One of the campaigners, Steve Parry, described the consultations – and the council's response to them – as a "sham exercise".

Speaking after the meeting, he said: "We will take issue with the Welsh Government if they give them funding for the new school; they would be closing a designated rural school."

"This is not finished. We will challenge this."

The meeting heard that the current

Llancarfan School, which would move in September 2021 under the plans, faces a budget cut of almost £100,000 in the next financial year based on projected pupil numbers.

Paula Ham, director of learning and skills at the council, said that redundancies are "almost inevitable" at Llancarfan School, but said should the proposals go ahead there would be "additional financial protection" for the school in the transitional period.

Cllr Gordon Kemp, the only cabinet member to vote against the plan, said the consultation report "might win a prize for creative fiction" for emphasising the positive feedback from people over the negative.

He said: "Most people in Llancarfan consider this to be a closure rather than a 'transfer'. It has been the intention of the education department to close this school for a number of years."

"We're starting to play with words here. We have to accept that this is going to be a closure of the school, a school that has been there since the 1870s will no longer be there."

The council had said the current Llancarfan Primary building is not fit for purpose, that the majority of pupils there come from outside the village, and moving the school to a new 210-place building in Rhoose was needed to cater for the growing number of pupils in the area.

A new 48-place part time nursery would also be provided at the new site.

Trevor Baker, the Vale Council's head of strategy, community learning and resources, told the meeting he was confident the two consultations had

been meaningful and had engaged with the community.

He said: "One of the reasons there was a second consultation was to produce additional information that was not in the first document. There were additional options which were brought forward in the consultation process."

"The consultation is a process of helping people understand the problems of the larger system and seeking their views. There were lots of opportunities for meaningful discussion."

"From an educational point of view this is looking to provide £4million capital investment, reducing the number of challenges for staff at the school and supporting them to be able to deliver the curriculum."

Mr Baker denied that the education of current pupils is being sacrificed to access funding.

The meeting also heard that Llancarfan Primary – which will be the Vale's only designated rural school in a soon-to-be-adopted Welsh Government code – would not be the only school in the area able to access funding for small and rural schools.

Using the money to expand Rhws Primary School was not considered an option due to building constraints there, the council said.

The decision did not please the South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies. He said: "Llancarfan Primary School is a well performing school – and forms a key part of the local community."

"I was therefore proud to work

alongside residents, parents and pupils in voicing my objections to the proposals – and campaign against the closure."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "I have consistently opposed the closure of Llancarfan School backed by extensive evidence and widespread public opposition. The Vale Council does not appear to have taken on board both authoritative evidence and the results of public consultation in making this adverse decision."

"Llancarfan is a wonderful school with a long history of excellence and I am very disappointed with this decision."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I deeply regret the decision that the Vale Cabinet reached regarding the closure of Llancarfan School. I have stood with the community in strongly opposing the school closure for a long time."

"There is a deeper problem with the funding the Vale receives for education from the Welsh Government. At present, the Welsh Government funding formula for education in Wales is based on data that is 20 years old."

This leaves the Vale as one of the worst-off local authorities in Wales. It stretches the budget and forces the Council into difficult decisions. That said, the decision on Llancarfan was the wrong one."

"The school is at the heart of the community and the cabinet should have found a way around this."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter/
GEM staff

Tributes to rugby player

A LOCAL rugby player died after falling into Penarth marina on Friday evening, October 12.

An inquest into the death of Mr Owain Jones, aged 32, will take place in February next year.

Mr Jones played scrum half for Cardiff Saracens Rugby Club. Cardiff Saracens issued a tribute to him on Twitter: "We are shocked, devastated and saddened by the passing of one of our own this weekend."

"Owain Jones was a great man, Sarrie & friend. Electric on the pitch and off it."

"One of the nicest and genuine lads. Our deepest sympathies to his fiancé, family and friends."

The emergency services were called to the marina at around 10pm. The death is not being treated as suspicious; however, police officers are urging anyone who may have witnessed the tragedy to contact them on 101 quoting reference number: 1800389640.



Stewart Ward (left) with Paul Warren, operational manager.

A fond farewell to stalwart Stewart

STEWART Ward started volunteering for the Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) in 2005 and continued with its successor organisation, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), after its merger in 2015, a total of 13 years.

His primary role was that of graphic designer and he designed many posters, publications and displays for our organisation, some of which you may have seen around the Vale.

Stewart was a fantastic volunteer, reliable and committed and came in every Monday morning. He always regaled us with stories of his travels and family life and loved his ginger biscuits and cups of tea.

Stewart has been an integral part to the GVS team and was a huge asset to the organisation and he will be greatly missed by all the staff. We wish him well for the future and with his next adventures.

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Funding opportunity
GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for voluntary organisations. The Third Sector ICF Capital Investment Fund is now open for applications. This fund aims to support proposals which improve the quality of life for people in Cardiff and the Vale, to promote health and wellbeing and support engagement and participation in the communities in which they live. The funding is focused on the following priority areas: Older people with complex needs and long term conditions, including dementia; people with learning disabilities; children with complex needs due to disability or illness; and carers, including young carers. Application forms are available: GVS, 01446 741706 or enquiries@gvs.wales.

'Indicator' marks Vale GCSE pupils as 'the best'

A HIGHER percentage of Vale GCSE pupils achieved five grades A* to C, including English and maths, than anywhere else in Wales.

Over 66 per cent of students managed that standard, a 6.3 per cent increase on last year and well above the Welsh average of 60.3 per cent.

The proportion of pupils achieving five A* to C grades also rose this year to 75.4 per cent, with performance improving in six out of the eight Vale schools.

The figure compares to an average of 69.6 per cent among the Central South Consortium (CSC) – a geographical area that also covers Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff Councils.

The Vale was the best performing local authority in mathematics and numeracy from the CSC as these subjects saw increases in performance of 4.1 and 2.5 percentage points respectively.

Results in English improved in seven out of the eight schools within the county, while

the percentage of pupils achieving five A* or A grades increased from 24.8 per cent last year to 26.9 per cent in 2018, a figure significantly above the CSC average of 20.4 per cent.

Of particular note was the performance of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, where 47 per cent of pupils achieved this measure.

Cllr Bob Penrose, the Vale Council's cabinet member for Learning and Culture, said: "Vale schools have once again shone when it comes to examination performance and everyone involved should be immensely proud of their achievements."

"To be top of the table when it comes to this key performance indicator is no mean feat and I'd like to pass on my sincere congratulations to both the county's educational staff and pupils."

"Such strong GCSE results indicate there are a large number of Vale pupils with extremely bright futures in front of them and I wish them all every success as they embark on the next step of that journey."

'Take action over puppy farms' says MP

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined animal rights campaigners at Schnauzerfest on Barry Island last weekend to discuss securing greater protection for animals in Wales.

Hundreds of people headed to Barry with their Schnauzers to back the campaign against puppy farms, with the Schnauzerfest charity raising funds for medical treatment for dogs from the farms.

The group took part in an organised walk to Jackson's Bay as similar events took place across the UK.

Mr Cairns, who is a longstanding supporter of improving animal welfare, met campaigner Aimee to discuss

her ongoing work for a change in the law in Wales to ban puppy farms.

Mr Cairns said: "Aimee kindly gave me a book called *Saving Susie Belle*, a true story about the horrors of a puppy farm, which I look forward to reading. I was impressed by Aimee's drive and commitment and I look forward to working together."

He added: "I frequently speak with the Secretary of State for DEFRA, Michael Gove MP, to discuss the changes he is making in England and how Wales can follow his lead. Already, he has introduced a ban on puppy farms and we now need similar action here in Wales."

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Rheswm: I alluogi cwblhau gwaith adeiladu ar ffordd newydd yr A4226.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE) BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

- On 18th October 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
- The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2018 and will come into force on 29th October 2018.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The road to be closed is the A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Waycock Cross Roundabout to Sycamore Cross Traffic Lights.

Reason To allow for the new A4226 road construction works to be undertaken.

Duration From 8.00am on 29th October 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months

WHILST THE CLOSURE IS FOR 18 MONTHS, THE ROAD WILL ONLY BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY FOR SHORT PERIODS. THESE CLOSURES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY ROAD SIGNS IN ADVANCE.

Alt. Route Local signed diversions will be in place.

NB Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services and pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

Dated this 18th day of October 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



'Cut to Vale budget will hit people hard'

A PLAID Cymru Vale councillor has said that real terms cuts of more than £5 million to the council's budget will hit families hard.

The Welsh Government's provisional settlement for local authorities in 2019-20 was announced last week.

A £1m cash terms cut was announced, reducing the Vale's funding settlement from £153m to £152m, but Plaid says that allowing for inflation at 2.7 per cent, the Vale would need £157.1m to provide the same services as before.

Cllr Ian Johnson said: "The cash figures show a cut of just over £1m in funding from the Labour-run Welsh Government, but that doesn't include inflation, which is currently 2.7 per cent.

"If you include inflation, then the gap between this year and next will be more than £5m.

"It is unfair and irresponsible that Labour would want local councils to cut services or increase council tax, affecting families already feeling the pinch."

A Welsh Government

by GEM REPORTER

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spokesperson said it accepted it was a "real terms cut", but insisted it had provided the best settlement it could.

"We have worked hard, across Government, to offer local government the best settlement possible in the current financial climate and have made further allocations to mitigate most of the reduction local government had been expecting following the final budget last year.

"We recognise this settlement is a real terms cut in core funding, at a time when authorities face real pressures. It is vital we continue to work together to deliver efficiencies and develop more effective ways of delivering local services."

The spokesman added: "While the local government settlement is the largest part of local authority funding, it is not the only source.

"We have been able to restore funding to a number of grants and have made a series of other decisions from

which councils will benefit directly, which add up to £84m in addition to the local government settlement."

Vale Council Leader John Thomas has, again, voiced his strong opposition to funding cuts imposed by Welsh Government.

The Council is set to see a 0.7 per cent per cent decrease in the funding settlement offered by Welsh Government for 2019/20. This, together with the increased pressures on the council to continue to provide many services to a standard that the residents of the Vale expect, means around £6.3 million worth of savings will need to be made to balance the budget next year.

And the suggestion is, reductions at a similar level will continue in the years that follow.

At a time when the council has already streamlined services to improve efficiency, Cllr Thomas warned such cuts will inevitably lead to a decrease in the quality and quantity of

services the council can afford to provide.

"The year on year cuts to our budget from Welsh Government is nothing short of scandalous," he said.

"As Leader of the Vale Council I am committed to delivering the very best services possible, but that is becoming increasingly difficult. Over the years, councils have been asked to deliver far more services, and are asked to respond to an increasing array of Welsh Government initiatives at the same time as continual cuts to our budget.

"The situation is not sustainable. Talk of efficiencies is all well and good, but this council already works in an incredibly efficient manner and for Welsh Government to suggest that a solution is to become more effective is nothing short of insulting and demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the situation in our communities.

"I will be responding to the draft settlement and make no mistake, I will be responding strongly, in the interests of the residents and communities that we serve."

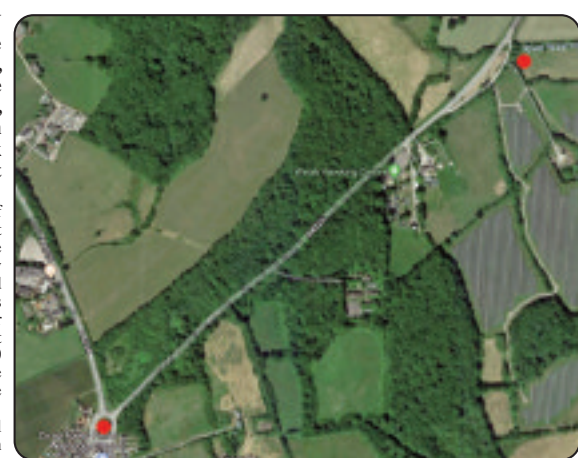
'Intermittent' closures for the next 10 months planned for stretch of Five Mile Lane

CONSTRUCTION of the new Five Mile Lane (A4226) is, according to the Vale Council, progressing on schedule, with work set to complete next summer.

However, as part of the work, the current road will need to be closed in a one-way direction northbound from Weycock Cross roundabout to the River Weycock for short periods over the next 10 months until the completion of the project.

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "An appropriate diversion route will be in place and fully signed during any closures and residents, businesses and the travelling public will be kept fully informed of the situation. Further closures will be publicised well in advance."

Cllr John Thomas, roundabout at certain



The red dots mark the location of the river, and the roundabout

Leader of the Vale Council, said: "There will be some minor disruption while work is carried out, with the current road needing to be shut northbound from Weycock Cross roundabout at certain

times. "We will endeavour to keep this to a minimum and would ask motorists to plan ahead and for their patience and understanding during these periods."

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At the Cosmeston Triathlon, Andrew Leftley is flanked by wife Amy and brother-in-law Ben Coates, who is also a teacher at Sir Richard Gwyn.



Huge support shown for Tom Channon Memorial Fund

SUPPORTERS of the Tom Channon Memorial Fund have been busy in recent weeks, and the fund has now passed £10,000.

The fund was set up in memory of Tom, who died in an accident in Magaluf, Spain. The student had studied economics, history and English literature for his A-Levels at St Davids College in Cardiff, and had gone on holiday with friends to celebrate the end of the examinations.

The Tom Channon Memorial Fund has two aims. His family are aiming to create a lasting memorial to him, near the family home in Rhose, and the second aim is to take legal action in Spain in an attempt to stop further accidents.

This year, two other British tourists died in similar accidents at the same apartment block, and the family want the authorities in Spain to introduce much stricter laws.

At the recent Cardiff Half Marathon, a number of the fund's supporters took part, including Tom's mother, Ceri.

Inspired by support from friends and well-wishers, she finished the course in 2'6".

More cash was raised

by Phil Johnson.

A spokesman for the fund said: "Phil trained for months for this race and raised a fantastic amount of money for Tom's fund. An outstanding effort."

"Damon Gibson and his wife Natalie also completed the half marathon to support the fund. Damon was one of Tom's teachers when he was at Rhws Primary School."

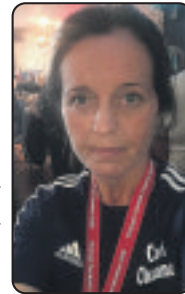
"The family thank him so much, as they do Phil for such an amazing effort."

"Thanks also to Matt Lloyd and others who also ran on the day and raised funds in Tom's memory."

Andrew Leftley, who taught Tom at St Richard Gwyn School, did not run in the Cardiff race, but he had a good excuse, having completed the recent Cosmeston Triathlon in Penarth.

Not only did Mr Leftley clock a new personal best for the event, but he also smashed his Justgiving fundraising target for Tom's fund.

For more information, visit uk.gofundme.com/TomChannonMemo.



Ceri Channon ran the half marathon in memory of her son Tom.



Damon Gibson and wife Natalie ran the Cardiff Half Marathon.

'Help support SSAFA for families of Armed Forces personnel'

AS an Ambassador for SSAFA, the oldest UK Armed Forces charity, I am proudly supporting its Missed Moments campaign.

The campaign aims to highlight the unique challenges faced by military families in Wales and the impact that serving has on the whole family.

The results show that there is another level to the sacrifices they make for our Nation – sacrifices which aren't always known or understood by the wider population.

SSAFA recently surveyed Armed Forces families, both past and present and found that 56 per cent have been apart for once-in-a-lifetime events, like the birth of a child or the funeral of a loved-one, due to service or deployment.

Furthermore, these sacrifices are little-understood by the wider population as the survey revealed that 81 per cent of the public were unaware that military deployment can be up to 10 months.

SSAFA provides lifelong support to the whole Armed Forces community, understanding the

complex nature of military service and the effect it can have on the wider family. The charity seeks to support the whole family, from help with school runs and hospital appointments to providing support in time of financial or emotional need.

Most of my close friends are in HM Armed Forces and I always seem to have someone away from home, whether that's in places like Iraq or Afghanistan or closer to home helping with the flood relief. It is extremely difficult, but just part and parcel of life behind the wire.

Thankfully, with modern military technology, we can at least keep in touch for most of the time.

I can only imagine how difficult it must have been for families in the past, who had no contact for months on end and for those lads and lasses deployed away from home, and away from their families, friends and loved ones.

To find out how you can support SSAFA and the Armed Forces family, please visit ssafa.org.uk/donate.

Anthony Cotton, SSAFA Ambassador and Coronation Street actor.

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Leekes supports autism centres

LEEKES provided assistance to a local not-for-profit social enterprise, Autism Life Centres (ALC), helping to transform a new kitchen area for a new day centre.

Leekes supported the enterprise by donating two electric cookers and a washing machine to help equip the kitchen at their new Dan Murphy Day Centre in Trealew.

The centre provides young adults with autism access to day services that are motivating, challenging and meaningful. The focus of the centre is on developing life skills and encouraging access to services in the community.

Autism life centres work to enable young adults with autism to work together and to develop social and communication skills.

Emma Leekes, managing director at Leekes, said: "We are always pleased to support local community initiatives and were thrilled to be able to help with the donation of kitchen appliances for the charity."

ALC executive director Amanda Evans commented: "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity from the team at Leekes."

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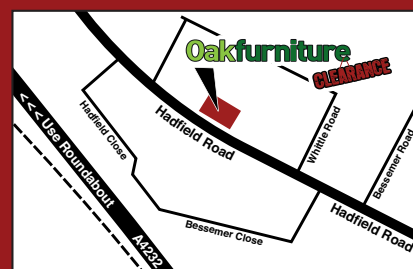
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Councillors ask for extra resources in order to scrutinise City Deal

COUNCILLORS scrutinising the £1.2bn Cardiff Capital Region City Deal are calling for a funding pot to enable them to visit key sites and invite experts to meetings, saying without it, their hands are tied.

The first joint scrutiny committee meeting took place on Monday, October 15, in Bridgend with one councillor from each of the 10 local authorities signed up to the deal in attendance.

Each local authority has contributed millions of pounds to the project with further funding from the UK and Welsh Governments, and the European Union.

But councillors on the scrutiny committee were unhappy to discover that there seemed to be no budget allowance for visiting key sites of investment or for paying any experts they might want to quiz.

Cardiff city councillor Ramesh Patel said: "It's a major pitfall – for scrutiny to be meaningful it's absolutely essential.

"Cabinet members [on the City Deal] are entitled to go to these

places, it shouldn't be any different for scrutiny."

He added: "We don't want anybody to start pointing a finger at us saying 'you haven't done a good enough job [of scrutinising]'."

"If our hands are tied we can't do a good enough job. We have to have a budget set aside for that."

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) which is carrying out the role of host authority for the scrutiny committee has been allocated £25k from the City Deal contingency budget for the first year to provide support and advisers.

Officers told councillors they would check whether funding could be provided for

visits and experts.

During the meeting, councillors agreed the terms of reference for the committee and began to look at what they could cover in future meetings.

Future items for scrutiny will include approved projects such as the compound semiconductor facility in Newport and the South Wales Metro system, as well as those in the pipeline.

Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Vince Bailey said it was important to "demystify" the City Deal and make it easier for people to understand what exactly was being done.

He said: "Some of the language in the City Deal is very opaque and technical."

Caerphilly County Borough Councillor John Ridgewell said the City Deal was "bewilderingly complex".

Councillors opted to bring forward the date of the next meeting, from March to January or February, with an exact date to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Meetings will rotate around the various local authorities while the chairman and vice-chairman roles will rotate in alphabetical order.

The City Deal aims to create 25,000 jobs across the region and bring in £4bn of private sector investment by 2036.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter



'Flash, Bang, Wallop' what a performance!

Cabaret show helps to raise funds for Rotary

A HUGE thank you to everyone who joined in at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys, for cabaret events on October 12-13, helping to raise funds for Rotary's local, national and international causes.

Forté Entertainment gave two glorious evenings of music and comedy. In the first half, there were hits from the musicals including 'I'm Getting Married in the Morning', 'Bring Him Home' and a medley from Mary Poppins. The second half was

packed with favourites from the '60s through to the present day as the troupe performed the hits of Tom Jones, Bananarama, Tina Turner, the Drifters, Abba, and Neil Diamond.

Tim Hubbard, Rotary's event coordinator, said: "A fantastic time was had by everyone on both nights. Both humour and ability came together to deliver a truly great show."

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Vale Council shelves plans for travellers' site

PLANS for a £2.3-million Gypsy and Traveller site on Hayeswood Road, Barry were shelved by the Vale Council earlier this week.

Dozens of people packed the council's public gallery on October 15 when the Cabinet announced the u-turn. Cllr Bob Penrose, who proposed the plans that were dropped, told the Cabinet: "There are too many concerns that have been raised by the local community both by the residents and local businesses as well as potential future businesses looking to invest in the local economy."

After the meeting Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council said a number of factors had led the council to reconsider its position on the proposed site.

He explained: "Firstly, it has been clear to me and my Cabinet colleagues that there are considerable and justified concerns expressed by the



Campaigners opposed to the Hayeswood Road site protested in front of the Civic Offices in Barry. Image by Matt Discombe.

business community as to the potential impact of the proposal on the local economy.

"It is clear that there are plans to further develop this part of Barry for employment uses which if progressed would bring much needed jobs to Barry. I would not want to prejudice this."

"In addition, and as a result of the current position, we have been able to have further discussions with Welsh

Government to consider how best to engage with the Traveller community to ensure that any site that is progressed is appropriate.

"It is therefore essential that we continue in our efforts to engage with the Travellers and with Welsh Government in taking this matter forward."

South Wales Central Assembly Member, Andrew RT Davies welcomed the decision:

"The proposals for the site were wholly unsuitable with the council previously including it for residential development in the Local Development Plan."

"After meeting many local residents last week, I'd like to pay tribute to the excellent community campaign they pursued: this is a victory for them and for common sense."

Sully councillor Kevin Mahoney, who opposed the site, told The GEM

he had written to the Vale Council to demand an independent external inquiry into the actions of the Vale's planning and housing departments with regard to "the continuing fiasco" over 'Gypsy Traveller accommodation assessments'.

He said there has now been seven years' of "flawed provision" for a permanent 'Travellers' site in the Vale.

On a petition site, Sully Village Hub declared victory.

The group had attracted 2,277 supporters.

GEM reporter/Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Vale student wins national art prize

A PUPIL from a Vale school is celebrating after being named as a winner of the 2018 Arts & Minds competition organised by NASUWT.

Arts & Minds is an annual, UK-wide competition aimed at promoting race equality and diversity in schools. Children and young people from primary, secondary and special schools are judged in two categories: art and creative writing.

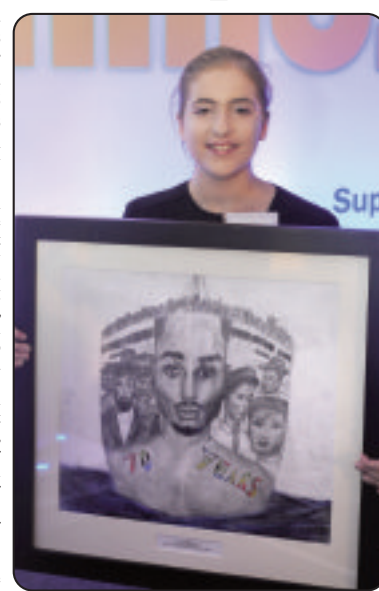
Rhiannon Bennington 15, a year-11 pupil at Ysgol y Deri in Penarth, was chosen as a winner of the secondary school artwork category for her piece 'Windrush'.

She picked up her prize at the awards ceremony in London.

The judges said of the artwork: "The strong figurehead leading from the front and the mix of heads behind is a striking image and produces an almost 3D perspective."

Chris Keates, general secretary of the union, said: "Congratulations to Rhiannon, who clearly worked very hard to achieve this success."

"Every entry was highly creative and clever in its interpretation of the messaging behind the



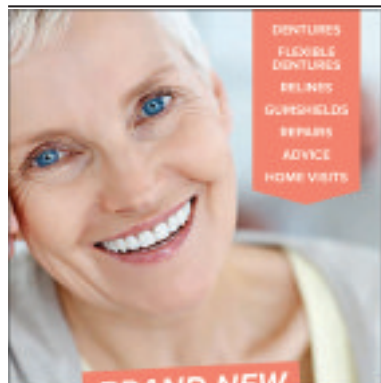
Rhiannon at the award ceremony. Picture by Brendan Kelly/Mousetrap Media.

competition, so the judges had great difficulty in choosing the winners.

"The quality of entries is a credit to the skills and abilities of the pupils and their teachers and support staff."

"The union is proud to organise the Arts & Minds competition which is an effective and enjoyable way of promoting and celebrating cultural diversity."

"The union wishes to thank every pupil and every school who participated and helped to make the competition such a huge success." AS



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Online access a 'huge problem' for claimants of Universal Credit

RESIDENTS and campaigners in the Vale attended a recent meeting Barry to provide help and support to claimants of Universal Credit (UC).

UC is an overhaul of the benefits system, bringing together six different payments into one and is paid monthly. It was launched in the Vale on October 10.

Assembly Member Jane Hutt attended the meeting in Colcot Community Centre, saying: "I and my Labour colleagues are worried that not enough has been done in the Vale to provide support to people who will be affected by the changes. "The reforms are complex and have had devastating effects on people where they have been delivered," she said.

Ian Swan, of UNITE, told those attending that some councils had prepared help and support for people affected by UC, but this had to be done in advance, not after.

Mr Swann stated that the benefit must be applied for online.

He described this as a "huge problem", and stated that "...some 30 per cent of people in Wales either have no computer access or are IT illiterate".

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manager and local councillor Susan Lloyd-Selby said that where UC has been introduced, food banks have seen an increase of more than 52 per cent of people arriving for help.

A spokesperson for the department of Work and Pensions responded to The GEM's inquiry, saying: "Universal Credit simplifies an out-of-date, complex legacy system and it is rolling out successfully; it is helping people into work quicker and stay in work longer."

"Through our 'test and learn' approach, significant improvements have been made to the system, such as making 100-per cent advances available, removing the seven waiting days, and providing two additional weeks of housing benefits for claimants moving from the old benefits system onto UC. "The majority of claimants are comfortable with managing their money but budgeting advice and digital support is available for those who need it."

The spokesperson stated: "The reasons for food bank use are complex, so it's wrong to link it to any one cause."

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Women during wartime: so much more than keeping the home fires burning



Naming of parts. A recruit to the Women's Royal Naval Service learning the parts of a rifle from a Royal Marine at the Crystal Palace depot.

In the third of the a series commissioned by The GEM in the run up to Armistice Day 2018, Bob Wheatley of the Royal British Legion in Barry, has written a piece on women during World War One.

From munitions workers to FANYs, and from the Voluntary Aid Detachment to engine drivers and the Women's Land Army, they did far more than keeping the home fires burning, with many serving overseas, rightly being awarded honours for gallantry and service, and with loss of life.

A FRIEND of mine recently said that the First World War was won by women.

Without doubt, they made a huge contribution but the war was won by the men in the trenches. However, it is a fact that the war could not have been won without the contribution of the women.

The First World War brought many changes in the lives of British women. It is often represented as having had a wholly positive impact, opening up new opportunities in the world of work and strengthening their case for the right to vote.

The reality is more complex. Not all of the opportunities the war provided to women were entirely positive or long lasting.

On the eve of war, the position of women in British society was largely unfavourable. In the workplace, 'women's work' – most commonly domestic service – was poorly paid and considered separate from, and inferior to 'men's work'. Women were still expected to give up work once they were married, to revert to their 'natural' roles of wife, mother and housekeeper.

Women in paid employment were not a new phenomenon in 1914. They made up a substantial part of the industrial workforce even before the First World War, although they were mainly concentrated in textile

manufacture.

In 1915, there was a desperate shortage of shells due to so many men joining the armed forces and women were brought into munitions manufacturing in large numbers. By 1918 almost a million women were employed in some aspect of munitions work.

The first women police officers served during the First World War. One of the main responsibilities of the Women's Patrols – as they were initially known – was to maintain discipline and monitor women's behaviour around factories or hostels. They also carried out inspections of women to ensure that they did not take anything into the factories which might cause explosions, and also patrolled other public areas such as railway stations, streets, parks and public houses.

One of the areas of employment where new opportunities opened up for women was in transport. Women began working as bus conductresses, ticket collectors, porters, carriage cleaners and bus drivers. During the war the number of women working on the railways rose from 9,000 to 50,000.

While new jobs did become available to women during wartime, many of these opportunities were closed to them after the war as servicemen returned to their jobs.

For women with children who wanted – or needed – to take on paid work, childcare could be a problem. The pressing need for women to work in munitions did prompt the government to provide some funds towards the cost of day nurseries for munitions workers, and by 1917 there were more than 100 day nurseries across the country. However, there was no provision for women working in any other form of employment and most had to rely on friends and family to help care for their children while they were at work.

Munitions work was relatively well paid, especially for women previously employed in domestic service. But it was unpleasant, dangerous and involved working long hours. Women in large shell filling factories worked with TNT. This poisonous explosive could cause a potentially fatal



Women's Land Army farm workers in Hertfordshire, 1917.

condition called toxic jaundice, indicated by the skin turning yellow.

The ladies who suffered from this were promptly nicknamed 'canaries'. There were also several devastating explosions in which women were killed.

Pressure from women for their own uniformed service to assist the war effort began in August 1914. After a War Office investigation which showed that many jobs being done by soldiers in France could instead be done by women, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established in December 1916. In April 1918, the WAAC was renamed Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. The Women's Royal Naval Service was formed in November 1917 and the Women's Royal Air Force was set up on 1 April 1918. In total, over 100,000 women joined Britain's Armed Forces during the war.

Working together in large numbers opened up new leisure and recreation opportunities for women. Sport was encouraged among female workers as it was thought to be good for their health and general moral wellbeing. If you thought women's football was a modern phenomenon you would be quite wrong. Many munitions factories developed their own ladies' football teams.

The most famous of these teams was Dick Kerr's Ladies' FC in Preston. Founded in 1917, their matches drew large crowds. They continued to enjoy success until women were banned from playing in Football League grounds in 1921.

Over 750,000 British men died during the First World War – 9 per cent of all British men under the age of 45. At the time – and in subsequent years – it was felt that the losses amounted to a 'lost generation' of young men. During the 1920s newspaper headlines talked of 'surplus' women who would never find husbands. While many middle class women did remain unmarried due to the lack of available men in the relatively narrow social sphere in which they moved, some women in this period remained single by choice or by financial necessity.

Professions such as teaching and medicine were opening up to women, but only if they remained unmarried.

Women serving in the auxiliary services or working in manufacturing, transport and on the land wore a range of uniforms and clothes, sometimes including trousers. Although women's fashions were already evolving by 1914, the move to more practical clothing during wartime undoubtedly accelerated the pace of change. By 1919 many fashionable young women were wearing shorter skirts and looser-waisted clothing.

Many volunteered for Red Cross duties, either training as nurses in Voluntary Aid Detachments or organising hospital supplies. Women from farming families continued to

work on the land. Some of these joined the Women's Land Army when it was established in 1917. Others took over 'men's jobs', in factories, offices and in transport.

Almost every woman and girl, however old or young, sewed or knitted 'comforts' for the troops and most women at home worried about their fathers, husbands, sweethearts and sons, and struggled to manage with decreasing supplies of food.

Many Welsh women lost their lives during the war. Stewardesses and nurses drowned when their ships were torpedoed or collided; munitions workers died in explosions or from chemical poisoning, and Spanish flu claimed the lives of many nurses and others during 1918 and 1919.

The war had a profound effect on the women of Wales. In the 1921 census, all Welsh counties except for industrial Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire, and to a lesser extent Brecknockshire, had an excess of women over men in the population, in the case of Caernarvonshire of nearly 11,000. Many women were destined never to marry, and with the withdrawal of jobs as the men returned to the workplace, had difficulty in supporting themselves. More positively, the Representation of the People Act passed in 1918 granted the vote to women over 30 who met the property regulations. The vote was not extended to all women until 1928.

After the war many women were forced to leave the roles they had taken up to make way for returning soldiers and Britain faced the momentous task of readjusting after four years of the bloodiest conflict the world had ever seen.

Historians remain divided on the lasting impact of the war on women, with some describing it as a 'watershed of social change' opening up new opportunities that shaped women's post-war years. Others take a more conservative view and suggest the impact on women and gender roles was limited and temporary.

Regardless of which camp you fall into, it cannot be denied that the First World War opened new opportunities to women who wanted to work, opportunities that many did not wish to give up after the war was won. Our womenfolk did much more than 'keep the home fires burning'. They kept the wheels of industry, transport, agriculture and most functions of daily life turning.

It is important that as the First World War is commemorated, we remember not only the sacrifices of those who fought but also the valuable contribution British women made to the war effort and the pivotal role this played in changing the role of women in British society.

Ladies, we couldn't have done it without you.



A 1917 poster designed by Robert Baden-Powell encouraging civilian participation in the war effort.

NFU Cymru welcomes future agricultural farming formula

NFU CYMRU president John Davies said: "We are pleased to have confirmation that the Barnett formula will not be used to apportion future agricultural funding to the devolved nations of the UK."

"Wales currently receives approximately 9.4 per cent of the UK's CAP receipt from the EU. If Wales' future allocation of Treasury funding for agriculture was subject to the use of the population share based allocation (Barnett), this would equate to a reduction in funding of around 50 per cent."

"This is something that NFU Cymru has strongly lobbied against. We are pleased to have had confirmation from the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns,

that this will not be the case and that the Secretary of State is committed to working with us to secure a future funding model; a model that we hope can help achieve our vision of a productive, progressive and profitable Welsh agriculture industry."

"NFU Cymru awaits more detail on the terms of reference for the independent review to be launched by the UK Government and we look forward to fully engaging with the review process. It is absolutely critical that Wales secures a funding arrangement that is reflective of the type of agriculture and the relative importance of the sector to the economy in Wales."

This is in response to Alun Cairns' statement that agricultural funding will not be Barnettised post-Brexit.

Rhian Hammond

News in brief

Bingo social in Cowbridge

ON Thursday, November 1 there is a bingo social evening in the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge at 7.30pm prompt. This is followed by light refreshments; free entry!

Quiz Night returns

AUTUMN season at Llantwit Major library has got off to a flying start with the re-launch of our Film Night and, in a new development, a regular slot for our Mah-Jong players every third

Tuesday.

Now it's time to welcome the return of our occasional quiz nights and the next is scheduled for Friday, October 26. Everyone is welcome to attend in teams of four or individually, at £2 per person. If you don't mind drinking out of a plastic cup, feel free to bring a bottle of wine and make a night of it. We're under starter's orders from 7pm and may be the best team win! Make sure of your place by ringing 01446 792700 or popping in to the library.

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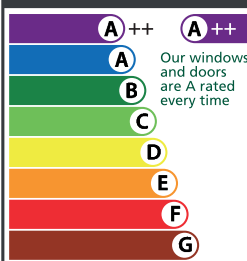
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Prime Minister is '...committed to guarding future of local media'

PRIME Minister Theresa May has said that she is committed to safeguarding the future of local media, which is a highly trusted news source for millions of people and "the backbone of this country's democracy."

In a recent speech at a reception for local media in No 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister spoke of the importance of local media to an audience of regional press editors, journalists, chief executives and senior management, and representatives from the News Media Association.

She said: "I know from the discussions I have with my own local paper the significant pressures that are on regional and local press at the moment. Nowhere is this more true than in print journalism where the rapid changes in consumer behaviour

and technology have led to falling circulations and advertising revenues. As we know, a quarter of local papers have closed in the past decade.

"That is why we launched the Cairncross Review, to examine what more we can do to improve the long term sustainability of high quality journalism, because it is that high quality journalism, at a local and regional level, that is so important in underpinning our democracy.

"Obviously, we'll wait for the review's findings and recommendations before we make specific policy decisions but nothing is off the table. This commission was launched because we see that there is a problem there and we need to have those voices looking into it for us and coming forward with their recommendations."

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LET'S go for gold this Autumn, the palette is more Klimt than Monet.

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Barry Mayor hosts Special Olympians



BARRY Town Mayor, Cllr Janice Charles, recently invited the winning medallists from the Vale into the Mayor's Parlour at Barry Town Council Offices.

The winning medallists took part in the Special Olympics 40th Anniversary Games in Stirling, where a total of eight medals were won from athletes from the Vale competing in four sports.

Julie Hurd

Women at the forefront of astronomy in 1889



Early photograph of 'Pickering's Harem', the group of women assembled by Harvard astronomer Edward Pickering, who were dubbed his 'computers'. The group included Henrietta Leavitt, Annie Jump Cannon, Williamina Fleming, and Antonia Maury. Image courtesy of Harvard College Observatory.

THIS month is a really good time to go outside and view the winter constellations.

The Milky Way is right overhead and the constellation of Cassiopeia with its familiar 'W' shape straddles the arm of our Galaxy. Ursa Major lies much lower towards the northern horizon, with its two brightest stars (the pointers) showing the way to our Pole star.

Between the Pole star and Cassiopeia lies the constellation of Cepheus. Although it does not contain any bright stars its main outline can be made out. Four stars form a top-sided square while a fifth, Gamma, should be recognised as it is nearest to the pole star. These five stars are often said to look like a church with Gamma forming a crooked steeple.

Cepheus is famous for containing two really interesting stars, both of which are visible to the naked eye. When you have allowed your eyes to become dark adapted, (at least ten minutes) look at the bottom corner star that appears to form a small naked eye triangle with two other stars. The star at the point of the triangle is known as Delta Cephei and is one of the most important of stars. The English amateur John Goodricke (1764-1786) observed from the city of York, and noticed that this star seemed to change brightness, while always remaining visible to the naked eye; he realised that over several days it changed brightness in a regular way.

Then the American astronomer Henrietta Leavitt (1868-1921) realised these stars could be used as distance indicators, and they were used to calculate the distance to other galaxies. This aided us in working out just how vast our Universe is. The way this was realised is beyond the scope of these notes.

Our second star is Mu Cephei. From the triangle, look halfway towards the opposite corner and stop halfway along this imaginary line. There is a star fainter than the others, get a pair of binoculars and place this star in the

centre, now look just a little below it and you will locate Mu.

It should be obvious this star is different. William Herschel called it the Garnet star because it looks like a glowing coal ember. This star is very old, it lies about 1,500 light-years away and is very luminous - we think at least 50,000 times as powerful as our Sun.

Other constellations prominent this month include the great Square of Pegasus and Andromeda containing the local spiral Galaxy M31.

On November 12 the Moon will occult the dwarf planet Pluto. Unfortunately, a large telescope will be necessary to see this rare event. When discovered in the 1930s by the American amateur astronomer Clyde Tombaugh it was thought to be a planet, but by the 1990s several objects now called Kuiper belt objects, some larger than Pluto had been discovered and so in 2006 Pluto was downgraded to the status of dwarf planet.

Tombaugh died in 1997 and a small portion of his ashes were carried on the New Horizons spacecraft that arrived in the vicinity of Pluto in 2015. This craft confirmed our suspicions about Pluto's status.

The name Pluto was decided via a competition. The winner was an 11-year-old English schoolgirl, Venetia Burney. Venetia was familiar with Greek and Roman mythology and thought that Pluto would be a good name for this planet because "Pluto is the god of the underworld, who could make himself invisible and dwell in a place that sunlight didn't reach".

November 22 sees the Moon forming a triangle with two open, naked-eye clusters the Hyades and Pleiades. On the 27th the Moon is close to another fine cluster, the Beehive.

Do keep an eye on our website www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for details of our meetings and observing sessions. You are most welcome to attend.

Dave Powell

Readers' Letters

Cloud cuckoo land along Five Mile Lane

DESPITE there being little change from £26m for a new road parallel to Five-Mile Lane, we will still have a situation where families do not have an attractive choice to cycle to Amelia Trust Farm.

Highways engineers and politicians believe that families with young children will be able to walk and cycle along the existing central section of Five-Mile Lane despite it remaining open to cars, vans and lorries travelling at speed.

They don't seem to understand that reducing traffic volumes on this dangerous road, with all its twists and hills, will not enable families to reach destinations like the Amelia Trust Farm by foot or bicycle.

With all the contractors and machinery on site it would be very cost effective to build a proper segregated and protected foot and cycle pathway along the entire length of Five-Mile Lane.

The Church Village

Ian Perry, Vale of Glamorgan.

Mayor makes clarification

IWISH to clarify a point made in a letter printed in October 11 copy of the Llantwit Major GEM, from Doug Mountain of Llantwit Major.

I would like to emphasise that I am not the 'ex-Mayor' referred to in his letter, and he is not expressing my opinions and views on any topic.

Many thanks,
Cllr Jayne Norman,
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Winter feed a concern for farmers after the drought



Rachel Saunders of the Farmers' Union of Wales writes on Farming Matters.

AFTER a calamitous harvest earlier in the year caused by the severe drought, the window of good weather in recent weeks has come as a lifeline for hundreds of farmers and their animals, allowing desperately-needed additional crops of silage to be taken ahead of the autumn and winter.

By this time last year rainfall frequency was well above the 30-year average and had already left the ground sodden in many areas. Even as early as September 2017, 83 per cent of Wales had soil moisture levels, which were higher than the long term average. By December 2017 the whole of Wales had soil moisture levels higher than the long term average: a situation which continued into the spring, meaning cattle

which had already been housed weeks earlier than normal could not be turned out at the usual time in the spring. Farmers are now desperately praying for a dry autumn, which will allow them to keep cattle out for longer. Welsh farmers are not alone in facing such adversity: in mid July, the Irish Government estimated that there was an eight-million tonne fodder shortage in the Republic, triggering the launch of a €2.75 million tillage scheme paying €155 per hectare to grow additional fodder reserves.

Weeks later, Irish Agriculture Minister Michael Creed launched a €4.25 million fodder import fund, soon after which fodder started arriving. A survey of 900 farms conducted by the Irish Government's Interagency Fodder Committee has concluded that the Republic's fodder deficit has now been reduced to three million tonnes. While the Welsh

Government has not conducted a survey to gauge Wales' forage deficit, it has responded to the problem by committing £500,000 to farming charities, and agreed to pay loans to the five to 10 percent whose Basic Payments may not be paid in December.

With farmers' attention divided between the need to ensure animals can be fed over the winter; a potential collapse in exports when we leave the EU in little more than five months' time; and a Welsh Government consultation proposing the abolition of the direct payments on which 80 per cent of farm businesses rely, stresses are running high across the industry.

We therefore urge anyone who is feeling the strain to speak about how they feel and seek help. There is a plethora of organisations, like the RABI, The Farming Community Network, DPJ Foundation and many more are there to help. So don't bottle it all up, but speak up.

Fonmon Apiary column Bees are being unseasonably busy

IS autumn here? Yes it is. As I pointed out in my previous article, lots of signs confirm this fact.

Each of the colonies here at Fonmon has been busy disposing of the drones (male bees) because drones have no role in the winter activities of a colony.

I say 'activities' because due to the mild winters we are currently experiencing, there is a great deal of activity within each of the colonies when really there should be very little.

Honeybees do not hibernate! They definitely slow down when temperatures drop below 10° Celsius; however with temperatures still in the high teens all of the colonies are extremely busy. Thanks to the unseasonable conditions I can still examine each of the colonies in depth when I should be wary of opening them up at all.

The queens are still laying eggs; these eggs develop into larvae and eventually these larvae will be sealed over with a wax capping and new bees will emerge, boosting the colony's numbers. The exact opposite should be

occurring! Reduction in colony numbers and reduction in colony activity is the norm at this time of the year – or should be.

In-house stores are crucial if a colony is to survive the winter months ahead: all of the pollen and nectar brought back to the hive by the foraging bees has to be processed before it is fit for use at any time of the year. To fund any activity an energy source is required. What will provide the required energy? The in-house stores!

Both the bees and the beekeeper will have to address the current environmental changes, challenges are ahead. Will the bees handle it? Quite possibly: it will be the beekeeper that may not.

The varroa mite is still a major problem; its breeding cycle is closely aligned to that of the bees and as the queens are still laying and providing the wherewithal for the mites to produce their offspring it seems the beekeeper's woes will never end. Should I consider saving stamps instead of beekeeping?

Harold Williams

What's on - News in brief

Cardiomyopathy meeting

THE Cardiomyopathy UK Bridgend support group will next meet on Saturday, November 10 from 2pm to 4pm at Pencoed Welfare Hall.

Jo Franks from Cardiomyopathy UK will give a talk on what services the charity can offer those living with, or caring for, someone with cardiomyopathy. She will also outline future developments at the charity. There will be time for a chat and a

cuppa too.

Charity concert

THE Mayor's Charity Concert takes place on Friday, October 19 in Llantwit Major School, starting at 7pm and features the Rock Choir, Bridgend Male Choir and soloist Angharad Morgan.

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Out & About with The GEM

First Man is a stunning and compelling piece of work

HAVING delivered what is perhaps one of the most startlingly brilliant debut films of all time with *Whiplash*, Damien Chazelle then set about modernising the musical with the exceptional *La La Land* (becoming the youngest winner of the best director category at the Oscars in the process at the ripe old age of 32).

His third film comes with no end of expectation, and tells the story of the space race in *First Man*. Ryan Gosling plays Neil Armstrong, the astronaut who took the first steps on the moon, but this is a film that tells the story of the how and the why, and the pressures both personal and professional Armstrong faced in order to get to the moon and achieve what many felt was impossible...

Despite the

mammoth buzz and the near-flawlessness of his first two films, there are some who remained unconvinced about Damien Chazelle – unquestionably talented, but is he the real deal?

In some ways, the doubts from some quarters about Chazelle are mirrored in this, his third feature film, a story of men, and one in particular, with the intention of going further and achieving more than others around them had ever managed.

Neil Armstrong and NASA proved their detractors wrong, so does Chazelle; *First Man* is a breathtaking, heavily-weighted piece of work that engages and captivates from the opening to the finale.

While some true stories may not be so widely known, the same certainly can't be true here, so Chazelle creates a piece of work that takes you through every inch of the process that saw Apollo 11 reach the moon, focusing through the prism of Armstrong, his family, and the cost making history had personally and professionally.



by
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It's a story that while deep, doesn't hang around; big moments that shape the journey to the moon are never played in a grandstanding fashion, instead, almost documentary-like in their matter-of-factness, the film has an immediacy and directness that is thrilling to savour, throwing you into events with real impact.

Chazelle's previous work has shown him as being a director comfortable with the intimate and the grandiose. Both sides come out to play here, whether it's the semi-regular first-person point of view shots that are part of that immediacy, or some gloriously staged, and beautifully shot, moments of beauty (the moon landing sequence

particularly), Chazelle gives confirmation, if any were needed, that he is a director savvy enough to turn his hand to anything.

He's assembled a cast that oozes quality, and for a film to have the likes of Kyle Chandler, Jason Clarke, Ciaran Hinds, Corey Stoll and Shea Whigham in minor supporting roles gives you an idea of the kind of pedigree we're dealing with (suffice to say that, amidst this background, there isn't a performance that doesn't land).

The weight of the film hangs on Ryan Gosling as Armstrong and Claire Foy as his wife, Janet. His second team-up with Chazelle after *La La Land*, Gosling is incredible here, delivering a stoic, determined performance, capturing a man whose indefatigable spirit helps push the moon landings on amidst the carnage of both technological and human setbacks.

It's a performance that is played in a low key, Gosling a deft enough actor to anchor his performance to the man rather than the myth.

He is ably matched by *The Crown*'s Foy, whose performance is exceptional; much like Armstrong she is determined, willing to support her husband, but while Neil's feelings are obscured by his

drive, we see the impact of everything through the eyes of Janet.

It's no easy task to carry this weight, but Foy is more than up to the task.

If there is any downside to *First Man*, it's only that this is plainly a serious film about a serious topic; there is little lightness on show, and every moment of the film's 141 minute running time is focused on going deeper into the story of one of humanity's greatest feats, which is quite heavy going.

However, this is film that grabs you from its bravura opening, and as such makes *First Man* one of the most captivating and engrossing films of the year – and reiterates the sheer scale of Damien Chazelle's talents.

VERDICT: A tour de force from writer/director Damien Chazelle, *First Man* is certainly portentous, but it's also wholly engaging from the get-go. It delves deep into the space race and what the cost of winning it meant to the United States and those who were involved. With stunning performances from leads Ryan Gosling and Claire Foy, this is a slow-burning effort that oozes class. *Essential viewing.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Whiplash* (2015), *Apollo 13* (1995).

What's on in your area...

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, October 18, there will be a still life demonstration in oil paints at Cowbridge Art Society by Raglan artist Mike Skidmore and on Thursday, October 25, there will be a portrait painting demonstration in oils by artist Derek Windsor.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart or [Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety](https://www.instagram.com/cowbridgeartsociety).

Ward Councillors' Surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Casteland and Court Wards, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 20 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

Joint surgery

DYFAN and Cadoc Ward Councillors Bailey, Nugent-Finn, and Rowlands will be holding a joint advice surgery on October 20 10.30am – 12.30pm at Waitrose Café. This is a great opportunity for residents to raise concerns to their local representatives.

CD launch

ON Saturday, October 20 at Bethel Baptist Hall in Llantwit Major from 10am-12 noon, the foodbank invites you to the launch of 'A Hidden Hunger', a specially commissioned CD supporting the work of foodbanks.

Come along, bring friends, family and sing along with the local artists who have produced the CD.

All proceeds to support the Foodbank in Llantwit and throughout the Vale.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, October 20 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Penarth Library's new clubs

PENARTH Library is launching two new free clubs this week – 'Knit2gether@Penarth Library' and a Jigsaw Club.

'Knit2gether' takes place every Wednesday from 2.30pm onwards while the Jigsaw Club is every Friday from 2pm – 3.30pm. No experience is necessary for the Jigsaw Club but some knitting knowledge is required for 'Knit2gether'. For more information contact Penarth Library on 02920 708438 or e-mail penarthlibrary@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Craft Fair

A CRAFT fair takes place at Bonvilston Reading Room on Saturday, October 20 from 10.30am until 4.30pm.

With stalls including Neal's Yard Organic Remedies, Cards from the Attic, Kalso Jewellery, WI, pickles and jams and original oil and watercolour paintings, there will be plenty of opportunities to find those

original early Christmas gifts.

All monies raised will be in support of Woody's Lodge based at the Amelia Trust, a local charity that provides support and mentoring for veterans, emergency Services and Reservists. There will also be refreshments available, a cake stall and a raffle; all welcome.

Penarth Computer Club

AT 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on October 23 the Penarth Computer Club will meet, and the topic will be Family History.

A demonstration of genealogy websites will show what's available to those wishing to trace their family tree. Visitors welcome.

Llantwit Major Horticultural Society

THE next meeting will be held on October 24 – NOT October 31.

There will be no guest speaker as this month's meeting will be our AGM and we ask as many members as possible to attend at 7.30pm in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

NSPCC Fashion Day

NSPCC and join us at 79 High Street (opposite the Market Place) any time between 11am and 7pm on Thursday, October 25 for complimentary champagne and canapés. Entry free.

The proceeds from the wonderful raffle prizes will be donated to the NSPCC and the St Hilary and District committee members will be modelling Bethan's stunning Autumn Collection.

Please bring your friends along to this fashion extravaganza and support the NSPCC in making a difference to vulnerable children.

Cowbridge Gardening

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, October 25 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall when Sheena Crossley will speak on 'Making the most of a small garden'.

New members and visitors are welcome. Members are reminded that it is time to put their names down and pay for the Christmas lunch on Thursday, November 29. We look forward to seeing you.

CAOS celebrate 50 years

ON October 26 – 27 CAOS Musical Society will mark their 50-year anniversary with a concert, telling the story of the society with music from shows and concerts performed during that time.

Featuring guest soloists and a programme of songs from Strauss and Gilbert and Sullivan to Rice and Lloyd Webber and Bon Jovi, there will be something for everyone. Founded in 1968 as Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society, CAOS continues to entertain across the Vale and beyond.

They will perform at Cowbridge Town Hall on Friday, October 26 and Stewart Road Community Centre, Rhosce on Saturday, October 27 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7; £5 for under-16's and over 60's; available on the door or in advance on 01446 744348.

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Players tackle The Odd Couple

THE Dinas Powys Players have been kept very busy during the summer months with a full programme of social events, including a quiz night and a barbecue for members together with a revue evening of one act plays, sketches, music and refreshments to thank patrons for their continuing loyalty and support.

At the same time, the cast of the group's November production

have undertaken regular rehearsals of *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon, author of numerous classic comedy plays who passed away this year at the grand old age of 91.

The cast has prepared well and is confident that this play will be as popular with audiences as the Players' previous productions of Neil Simon's plays – 1997 *The Odd Couple* (female version), 2001 *California Suite*, 2006 *Rumours* and 2010 *Plaza Suite*.

This time around *The Odd Couple* features a mostly male cast with a group of six men who meet for a weekly poker session in a New York City apartment.

Two divorcees in the group decide to room together, one is fastidious and clean, the other a slob. The results are hilarious.

When *The Odd Couple* was first presented at the Plymouth Theatre in New York City in 1965, the New York Times critic said: 'Fresh, richly hilarious and continuously funny,' while the New York Daily News considered it 'Fresh and remarkably original'.

The Odd Couple is being directed by the experienced Eileen Carrier and the Players' production will be presented at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 15, 16 and 17 at 7.30pm.

For tickets telephone 02920 512868 or 07592 583794. GP

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Pensioner's concern over flu vaccine

A VALE pensioner says he and his wife have not been protected against flu because the necessary vaccine was not available at their surgery.

Gavin Davies, who lives in Penmark, noticed a few weeks ago that the Welsh Assembly Government was urging elderly people to get immunised.

Mr Davies (79) suffers from epileptic seizures and Mrs Davies, aged 84, suffers from heart failure. In view of their ages and current state of health, they decided they should have the necessary injections.

Mr Davies said: "Following the Assembly's announcement we both received letters from our general practice, the Vale Group Practice at Ravenscourt Surgery in Barry. We responded but they were unable to make appointments even after two or three calls. "On Monday, October 15 I called in to the surgery to try to find out why we were unable to get the injections. I was told that the practice could not make appointments now as the health board had not been able to supply the necessary vaccine. I was also told that it was not known when appointments could be made."

Mr Davies said: "This shouldn't be happening and the problem needs to be sorted out."

The GEM approached Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for a response to the points raised by Mr Davies. A spokesman explained that the supply of vaccines was being

staggered between September and December.

He said: "This year, adults aged 65 and over are eligible for a new type of influenza vaccine called a TIV. This vaccine has been shown to be the most effective flu vaccine for people aged 65 and over."

"As independent contractors, practices have the responsibility to order adequate stock of vaccines to meet the needs of their patient population."

"The delivery of supplies of flu vaccine to GP practices across the UK will be staggered between September and early December 2018. This means that some people may be asked to wait and return when the most effective vaccine for them is available."

"People may be offered a later appointment than usual but can be reassured they will be vaccinated before flu circulates which is usually no earlier than mid-December. People under the age of 65 who are eligible for a free flu vaccine receive a different type of vaccine."

"There are no known availability issues with this vaccine and we would encourage all those eligible to obtain their vaccine as soon as possible to ensure they're protected against flu."

The health board spokesman added that people over the age of 65 (and those under 65) with certain health conditions can also receive their flu vaccine free at their local pharmacy.

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What's on in your area

Valeways guided walks

ON Wednesday, October 24 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet in the town hall car park in Llantwit Major at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, October 25 at 10am 'Let's Avoid Cowbridge!' meet at the Farmers Arms in Aberthaw (CF71 7LG).

On Saturday, October 27 'Cerdidd Cymraeg yn 10 oed!' meet in maes parcio Ty Portobello, Ogwr (Ogmore CF32 0PA).

Remembrance service
LLANTWIT MAJOR Comprehensive School would like to invite serving personnel,

service families and veterans to a Remembrance Service at Llantwit Major School on Tuesday, November 13 to commemorate the 100 year anniversary since World War One.

The event will consist of a short Remembrance service followed by refreshments. It is also an opportunity for students to communicate and share stories with veterans and serving personnel. Doors open from 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

If you are interested in attending the event, contact the school on 01446 793301 or email: llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Christmas Party Guide

It's important to choose the right venue for a Christmas celebration

THAT time of year is coming closer – the season of parties and events to mark the festive season.

While the office or workplace party can be the highlight of the year, it can also be a disaster, unless it is held at the right venue, with good food.

Luckily, in this area, we are blessed with a wonderful choice of restaurants, pubs and hotels which cater for Christmas parties to suit groups of varying sizes.

There are lots of places which offer traditional fare – turkey and Christmas pudding – which remain as popular as ever.

But for those looking for something a bit more exotic, many venues now offer a new twist on the basic menu with other options designed to cater for a more sophisticated palate. But whichever meal you prefer, the important thing is that top quality foodstuffs are used and that they are properly cooked and

beautifully presented.

The ambience at Christmas events is also crucial – roaring log fires and crackers may be a bit of a cliché but it's what most people expect.

Many hotels and restaurants spend a lot of money on really top class decorations which are a world away from the tinsel and tack of yesteryear.

A room beautifully decorated in swags of greenery, coloured berries and subtly lit with candlelight is probably the finest setting for celebrating the most important event in the calendar.

So, with good food, fine wines and the right setting, the only other ingredient necessary for a great night out is the company.

People you work with all year suddenly look different when they are dressed up in a bit of bling and glitz.

Lots of romances have begun at the works' Christmas do and for the younger, unattached staff members, that's an exciting

possibility.

Older colleagues will settle for the easy camaraderie which exists between people who know each other very well and have mutual respect.

But apart from workplace parties, there are also lots of Christmas get-togethers staged by organisations – ranging from choirs, art societies, WI's, charity fundraisers and sporting groups – in fact any organisation which brings people together.

Most organise a Christmas event which gives members, who perhaps only see each other once a week, a chance to enjoy each other's company in more relaxing circumstances.

Yes, there's plenty to be said for the Christmas party. Just make sure you ensure that yours is as good as it can be by hiring the right venue for you and your group – whether it be a cosy country inn or a grand hotel where everyone can really dress up.

The choice is yours – and it's a big one!

'Get up and dance!' – well, if you don't mind...

EVERYONE is familiar with the pitfalls of planning an office party, but perhaps the most tricky issue is this one – do you opt for a restaurant or pub, or choose somewhere with a disco?

If ever a decision was designed to sort the exhibitionists from the wallflowers, this is it.

When the meal is finished, and the coffee is getting cold, the DJ lights up his corner of the room and says: "Hi everyone, are we having a great time?" – and puts on ABBA.

Actually, you could run an office sweep on this, and the person who draws out 'Dancing Queen' will be feeling pretty confident of taking the money.

I guess it's time to declare an interest at this point, as a fully paid-up member of the two left feet, no sense of rhythm, section of society.

It was several years ago that, in a Christmas party feature, I wrote

those opening paragraphs.

I wrote about the sense of dread we two left-footers have as we work our way through the courses – because the moment when the music starts is looming.

You can be pretty certain that most of the female side of the party group will get out there and shake their stuff.

It's not as if they are all good dancers – it's just that they are not hampered by the hang-ups so many blokes have.

So, time has moved on since I wrote those self-conscious and slightly self-pitying words?

Have things changed?

Too right they have! They have got a whole lot worse and let me suggest why.

Reason 1: *Strictly Come Dancing* has changed the perception of dancing.

Over the years that *Strictly* has been prime time entertainment, it has been very noticeable that people can get better at dancing – it just takes a bit of effort.

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Get on your dancing shoes and limber up!



Lumber up, limbo down. The locked embrace, the stumble round...

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Beginners with some talent can get really good (any of the *Strictly* winners are examples of this), while even the ones with little obvious rhythm can make good progress.

There are, of course, hopeless cases such as Susannah Constantine, this year's comedy clodhopper, but I think the argument that people can improve still holds good in spite of that.

Reason 2/ Mobile phones and the internet. This is, of course, an all purpose answer.

Take any subject, whether it be education, film and TV, political debate, teenagers, and you can always argue that things have got worse because of mobile phones and the internet.

Nevertheless it holds true for us dodgy dancers – and this reason has two sub-divisions.

a/ Ordinary people with no particular talent get up and dance, put it on YouTube and with a bit of confidence and they can carry it off.

b/ However, if you try, and if you get it badly wrong – then someone could record it for posterity on their phone!

Reason 3/ There are so many different forms of dance out there now. Surely you can find one that works?

Peter Crouch is six foot seven and a bit ungainly, yet even he managed to look quite cool doing his robot dance.

Take a little time to watch people on the dance floor and you

will see a huge variety. Some people look good making movements that anyone could do – it's all a question of doing them in time to the music, and introducing some variety.

Two-left-footers tend to find something that they believe is 'not too bad' and repeat ad infinitum.

Reason 4/ Ricky Gervais.

This one hardly needs explaining but if you know you are not a good dancer, then the thought of getting carried away, thinking you have suddenly found the formula, and then finding out that you have got it all wrong, is a constant nightmare.

I mentioned earlier in the piece that the female section of an office party tends to get out on the dance floor

– and when I wrote this some time ago I thought that someone might take issue with it.

Perhaps a stern letter pointing me to the FBD (Female Bad Dancers) support group.

That didn't happen. The Two Left Foot

Society still appears to be one of those archaic institutions – like Muirfield Golf Club – a men only club.

Do I hear someone saying: "Hey, loosen up! It's meant to be a fun night."

That's true, and in fact, I've never missed

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STORM Callum did little to to deter competitors in the 22nd Burn Series adventure races and 10k all terrain run on Saturday at Margam Park.

With severe weather forecast, event organiser and world record holder, Maria Leijerstam from Bonvilston was out at 6am diligently checking out the most exposed part of the course and luckily the day stayed mainly dry.

The run, bike, kayak Burn Series events, as well as a new 10km all-terrain run, were well supported, and everyone was beaming after the panoramic mountain biking section, through the hilly areas of the Park.

Due to the extreme weather warnings, the event centre, usually sited in marquees in the middle of the Park was moved to Margam Castle, thanks to the kind invitation of the management.

The Burn events are for all ages with sections for families, novices and more experienced. The youngest competitor was five years old and found the muddy conditions an added bonus to the day's excitement. www.burnseries.co.uk

International adventure racer Maria Leijerstam was the first person to cycle to the South Pole in 2013.

Results:

Burn 10km: 1. Sam Davies 2. Lowri Morgan 3. Craig Morgan

Mini Burn Adventure race 15km: 1. Benjamin Rosedale and Ted Rosedale 2. Chris Norey and Susan Norey 3. Carl, Flynn, and Eben Loftus

Burn Adventure race 50km: 1. Jeremy Holmes 2. John Owens 3. Jon Hessig

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Invictus Games Team UK are now down under – including Llantwit Major's Jeff



INVICTUS Games 2018 Team UK, which includes seven former-Forces personnel from Wales, embarked at Heathrow last Monday en route to the games in Sydney. Included in the squad is Llantwit Major man and former RAF flight sergeant Jeff Robinson.

The team comprises WIS (Wounded In Service) personnel from all services of HM Armed Forces, supported by Help for Heroes.

The Invictus Games 2018 commence on Friday, October 19. For more information, visit www.invictusgames2018.org.

Editor's note: And the best of British to Jeff and all the team!

Cheers! Local pub supports Macmillan



Julie, Emma, Tony and Chris recently held a coffee morning event in aid of Macmillan at the Watermill, Ogmere by Sea. This was the first time they participated in the event and they raised a total of £815.92.

Penarth bake-off back for November

PENARTH Bakeoff is back in the Paget Rooms on November 4, to raise dough for two charities – Forget-me-not Chorus and Marie Curie.

Parents, grandparents, schoolchildren, business owners to groups or associations, all can enter. Categories for the baking competition will include two children's categories, savoury, free-form, sponges, biscuits and a showstopper category too.

Judges will include David Schönthal, from Penarth-based Capas Cheesecake; and Charlotte Williams of Lily's Bake Box. Competition judges will also be doing demonstrations for the public.

Stalls will include jams, preserves and chutney, cards and much more. Entertainment will include a live video of a Forget-me-not Chorus concert,

music from Penarth Community Choir, Joe Pope, children's entertainment from Little Fizz, and more, compered by Welsh comedian and TV producer Stifyn Parry.

The first charity is Forget-me-not Chorus, a local charity who support people with dementia and their families through weekly singing sessions.

The second is Marie Curie, who offer specialist care for people living with a terminal illness and support for families, completely free, from their Penarth hospice.

This year's competition is sponsored by Penarth View and Cleaner's Got Talent.

To take part in the baking competition, apply for a stall space or a sponsorship packages, please email john@penarthview.co.uk or visit www.penarthview.co.uk/penarthbakeoff.

New afterschool club launches



LOCAL MP Alun Cairns and the Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands have visited a afterschool homework club, Clwb Ni, to see how the group is progressing since being set up in April this year.

Clwb Ni, which is supported by Learn Welsh the Vale, runs every Thursday 4pm – 6pm aiming to create opportunities for Welsh speaking and non-Welsh speaking adults and children across the Vale to learn Welsh together.

Learn Welsh the Vale supports parents who have chosen Welsh-medium education for their children as well as offering help to those parents who do not speak Welsh to enable them to support their children throughout their education in Wales by

giving support with Welsh language skills, literacy and numeracy skills, help with homework tasks and incorporates a range of games and sports activities.

Mr Cairns commented: "The new Welsh language afterschool club is hugely important in further encouraging the use of the Welsh language across the Vale by children and their families. The group is doing excellent work and I pay tribute to everyone who has been involved in making this a success."

The Vale Mayor said: "I'm really pleased this has been successful since I launched it in April. It's great support for children who that extra support and want to better their Welsh, also parents benefit too from it as they can learn how to speak Welsh and help their children with homework."

Rhosee trio impresses for Wales in France



Evie, Jack and Jason are shown with senior team manager and Rhosee member Karen O'Donoghue-Harris.

THREE members of Rhosee Lifeguards, Jack Giddings, Jason Grice and Evie Wong were part of a successful Welsh team that competed in France.

The Ocean Performance Championships were held in Capbreton France with over 300 competitors contesting the junior and open categories in the one-day event.

Evie Wong did exceptionally well, taking second place overall in the junior category. She achieved fifth position in the surf swim, fourth in the board race and won the beach flags, gaining valuable points in each event,

which contributed to her overall success.

This was Evie's first international event and she showed she was capable of racing with the best in Europe. Jason Grice and Jack Giddings did very well to make the ski final in challenging surf conditions, with Jason finishing 11th and Jack finishing fifth.

Kiera Harris, a Rhosee junior competitor, also competed in the one-day event representing the club in the beach flags event, and gained valuable experience in her first international event.

AM congratulates Challenge Wales



Andrew RT Davies joins the team aboard Challenge Wales at Penarth Marina.

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies paid a visit to Penarth-based charity Challenge Wales last week to congratulate the team following another summer of success.

The charity's work focuses on its two vessels – Challenge Wales and Adventure Wales – and focuses on providing young people with the opportunity to develop their life skills and improve their employment prospects.

Between June and September the vessels sailed over 4,000 miles, providing young people from across Wales with voyages to destinations

including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland and Amsterdam.

The team gave Mr Davies a tour of Challenge Wales – their flagship vessel – before discussing their exciting plans for the future. Mr Davies said: "It was a pleasure to climb aboard Challenge Wales and hear about the exciting work that took place over the summer months."

"Between June and September they sailed over 4,000 miles across the globe, providing life broadening experiences for many young people from across Wales."

"I'd like to thank the team for welcoming me aboard – and have no doubts next summer will be even more productive."

Local people to the fore as thousands join the runners at the Cardiff Half Marathon

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THIS year's Cardiff Half Marathon will be remembered, sadly, for the tragic death of two young men who collapsed shortly after finishing the race.

Inevitably, it cast a cloud over the post event celebrations, and The GEM is sure that all the runners will be thinking of the friends and families of the men.

As the runners made their way around the course, there was plenty of representation from clubs in the Vale and Bridgend county borough.



ABOVE: Runners from Porthcawl



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and David. Much loved father-in-law of Mary and
a treasured grandfather of Patrick and Claire.
*Many thanks to Cherish Cymru for their
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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium
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Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend.
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JOSE

Sylvia Christine

Unexpectedly, on Sunday, 7th October, at
The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.
Much loved by all her family and friends and
will be sadly missed.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &
Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 25th October,
service 11.45am at Our Lady and St. Illtyd's R.C.
Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment at
Llantwit Major Cemetery, Boverton Road.
Donations, if desired, to Velindre Cancer Care,
c/o the funeral director.

JONES

Rowland

(Of Barry, formerly of Rumney)

Passed away peacefully on 26th September 2018,
at Llandough Hospital, aged 91 years. Beloved
husband of the late Carol, much loved dad of
Phillip. A loved father-in-law, grandfather and
great grandfather. Will be dearly missed by
family and friends.

Resting at Coles Funeral Directors until the service
to be held on Thursday, 25th October at St
Augustine's Church, Rumney at 9.45am, prior to
cremation at Thornhill Crematorium (Briwnant
Chapel) at 11.15am.

Floral tributes welcome. Donations in lieu of floral
tributes, if desired, may be sent to Alzheimer's
Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff,
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WOOD

Christopher John

Peacefully after a short illness at the University
Hospital of Wales Cardiff on 8th October 2018,
John, aged 89 years. Beloved partner of Liz, also
a loved father and grandfather.

*John will be sadly missed by all his
family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service
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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium
on Friday, 19th October at 11am.

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desired, to Bro Morgannwg Baby Loss Support
Group c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow
Street, Bridgend. Tel No 01656-650831.

DIX

Ann Margaret

(née Elsworth)

14/06/1958 - 14/10/2018

Ann, of Barry, passed away peacefully at the University
Hospital of Wales on the morning of Sunday, 14th
October 2018. A wonderful wife to Graham, devoted mother to
Scott, Luke and Georgia. An amazing nanna to Ellie, Caitlin
and Lucas. Ann was overjoyed
to be expecting another grandchild (Georgia's
first baby) much loved daughter of Tony and
Maureen, sister of John, Jane and David.
Mother-in-law of Natalie and Mitchell.

*Ann was loved and cherished by family, friends
and all who knew her. Ann has left a hole in all of
our hearts that will never be filled.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service
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2018 at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff &
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c/o the funeral director.

Family Notices

OSGOOD

Joan Doreen (Doreen)

Passed away peacefully on 15th October 2018, aged 96 years. Loving wife of the late Jock. Cherished mum of Lance, Kevin, Glyn and the late Bryn. Loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral service in The Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 25th October 2018 at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donation in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research Wales may be given at the service.

Doreen will be resting at A.G. Adams, Ty-Newydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA. Tel 01446 735128.

CLISSETT

Iris

Iris died peacefully on 9th October 2018 at Springbank Nursing Home, aged 91 years. Devoted wife of the late Len, beloved mother to Ray and Vivienne. Dear mother-in-law to Barbara and Steve. A much loved nanna of six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Home until her service at St David's Methodist Church, Barry on Monday, 22nd October 2018 at 10.45am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice for Wales in memory of Iris.

DEBONO

Gary

It is with great sadness, after a short illness, we announce the passing of Gary on Monday, 8th October 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales.

Beloved son of the late Bronwen, loving brother to Danny, Joseph, Kelvin, Zack, Candy and loving uncle to all his nieces and nephews.



Gary will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

A remembrance service will be held at Barry Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 26th October 2018 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made after the service to the Marie Curie something that Gary was proud to support and volunteering his time to this cause. Refreshments will be held at the King William Pub (Billy) everyone is welcome to join the family. Resting at Lyndsey Ellis - The Vale Funeral Services, Court Road, Barry.

DEANE

Lawrence Stanley (Larry)

Peacefully at home on 9th October 2018, Larry, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Christine, much loved father of Lorraine and the late Carolyn. Loved granddad Larry to Hayley, Tavis and Tegan. Great grandad to Seren and Derryn, also a loved brother of Lorraine and Marianne.

Larry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 26th October 2018 at 3pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

BURBIDGE

Eunice (née Mote)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 7th October 2018, Eunice, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Donald, much loved mum of Stephen and Leslie. Loved grandmother and great grandmother, also a dearly loved sister of Mavis. Eunice will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 25th October at 3pm, followed by committal at Barry Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Ty Hafan c/o the funeral director.

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DAVIDSON

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ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Memories 22-10-2018

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Your loving Nana, Nancy xxx

ALESHA O'CONNOR

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ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Memories

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ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Memories

I always point out the shiny star and tell Ellie May that's where you are, shining so bright like you did in life.

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KLEE

Karon

23rd October

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In Memory

SIM

James (Ginger)

21st October

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ALESHA O'CONNOR

21st Birthday Love for my beautiful cousin Alesha

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O'CONNOR

Alesha

22nd October

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ROBINSON

Bill

23rd October 2017

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Diana xxxxx

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Lisa Davies

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Chloe John

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Signed Ashley James Boucher Date 10th October 2018

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Motoring with Tony Yates Hyundai – i30N 2.0 T-GDi - 250PS Petrol Manual

I HAVE not tested a Hyundai in a while, so I thought it was about time I did. This car is the i30N – a car which in my book is a proper little pocket rocket.

To be honest, I expected the i30N to be a little bland because making a hot hatch is never easy – but was I wrong this time.

Power and efficiency: My test car was fitted with a 2.0-litre petrol engine that has 250PS and 353Nm of torque, and a top speed of around 155mph – which puts it right up there with the likes of the Focus RS and Honda Type R.

But is it as fast? Well, a 0-62 time of 6.4 seconds is nothing to be ashamed of – meaning it will easily keep up with the likes of the Ford and the Honda. But, does it feel like a pocket rocket? Yes, very much so. The acceleration is savage, truth be told.

On the road: Just because it has lowered suspension and wheels the size of the moon does not mean it can't be used to drive the children to school or potter around town. Although the ride quality is not what I would have liked, this is



The Hyundai i30N 2.0 T-GDi - 250PS.

pretty much nearly a race car for the road, so I can't expect too much really.

It felt amazing into the corners and the suspension dealt with most surfaces with ease. Although the ride itself was as hard as nails, you really can throw the i30N into any corner and come out the other side with a grin.

Design and technology: On the outside, the i30N looks elegant and well thought out from a design point of view – even with its loud paint job – but when you get to the inside, it really is quite bland.

Maybe I am being over critical, but I have said this about VW and Seat because they also produce some bland interiors. It is functional and everything is in the right place. It's also

practical too, and you do get quite an assortment of kit fitted as standard.

Some of the standard equipment on the i30N includes: Audio Control with Voice Recognition, Bluetooth® Connectivity with Voice Recognition Driver's Supervision, Instrument Cluster with LCD Display (4.2"), Phone Connection, Digital DAB Radio with MP3 Compatibility, Cruise Control, Touchscreen Satellite Navigation (8"), Traffic Messaging Channel, Mapcare and Live Services, Trip Computer, USB Centre Console, Wireless Phone Charging Pad.

It also has Active Head Restraints Airbag, Front Passenger Airbag, Activation Switch Airbag, Rollover Sensor

(Curtain) Airbags Front, Front Side and Curtain Airbags, Alarm Thatcham Category 1, Anti-lock Brake System (ABS), Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB) with Forward Collision Warning System, Central Locking, Remote Control Childproof Rear Door Locks, Deadlocks, Electronic Stability Control (ESC), Emergency Stop Signal (ESS), Hill-start Assist Control (HAC), Immobiliser, ISOFIX Child Seat Anchorage Points rear (outer seats only), Lane Departure Warning System with Lane Keep Assist (LKAS), Speed Sensitive Automatic Door Locking and Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) with Individual Tyre Pressure Display.

Summary: The i30N is a proper little racer and a car I like very much. If you were looking for an alternative to the Ford or the Honda, then the i30N is a worthy contender because it also has lots of interior space and a large boot. If you are thinking of buying one then I would take one out for a test run first as I guarantee the smiles on your return will say it all.

Price: £26,345 (as tested).

Pupils' Premier League boost

WICK and Marcross Church in Wales Primary Stars have scored with new Premier League Primary Stars equipment.

Over 100 pupils have been buoyed at the start of the new term, with the delivery of a free Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack.

Stocked full of items including Nike match footballs, training bibs and numbered and lettered floor markers, the Premier League equipment pack will aid teacher delivery of active lessons across the curriculum.

The equipment pack was awarded to pupils at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School following Mr Ward's successful application for last year's Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme.

The scheme is part of the Premier League Primary Stars education programme which uses the appeal of Premier League and professional football clubs to

inspire children at primary schools across England and Wales the opportunity to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Mr Rob Ward, class teacher at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School, said: "We are really delighted to have been awarded this fantastic pack which we have already put to good use. Children are enjoying using the new equipment in their PE lessons and during after school clubs. As a TeamUp school we are always striving to encourage our pupils to get involved in sport and physical activities. The Premier League Equipment Scheme is a great aid to making our learning fun and engaging."

Apologies to Caz



Last week's report on the Barry Darts League included a photo of the two ladies above, Caz Adamson and Mary Jennings, who recently won the Ladies Doubles final at Barry Town FC. Unfortunately, the report supplied used an incorrect surname for Caz and we are happy to correct that this week.

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17 67 SEAT LEON 1.6 TDI SE Dynamic Technology Estate, Seat warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 17" alloys, PDC, 7k, grey. £12995

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14 14 SKODA CITIGO 1.0 MPI SE 5dr, air-con, electric windows, aux, 3k, white. £3995

16 16 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 DDIS S2S, Suzuki warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, turquoise. £12495

17 17 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2 Slam 3dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, cruise, 17" alloys, privacy glass, 5k, red. £8995

15 15 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 1.6 CDTi Limited Edition 3dr, Panoramic roof, 20" alloys, 31k, white. £10795

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15 65 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.6 T VXR 3dr, Vauxhall warranty Dec 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, aux, 16k, blue. £10995

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16 16 VW SHARAN 2.0 TDI CR Bluemotion Tech 150 SE 5dr DSG Automatic (7-Seater), VW warranty June 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, grey. £17495

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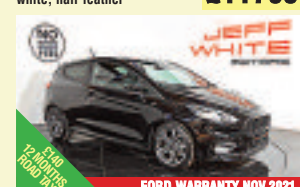
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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee...

WITH regards to my 'Do you know the people in the picture?' item last week, Vale farmer Colin Williams phoned to tell me that he believes the woman on the horse is Caroline Boothby, daughter of Lady Boothby.

As for Major Creighton Griffiths who was also pictured, Jane Wardle informs me that she used to look after a horse owned by him called *Wildbeg* which could have been a dam or great dam of a point-to-pointer I mentioned called *Kilbeg*.

Jane went to work for trainer Denzil Jenkins at Wilton Farm near Sington when she left school at 16, and she recalled Major Creighton Griffiths riding a cob when doing roadwork with the horses.

She also recalls Rhys Williams, father of Llancafarn's Evan Williams, riding *Trunks* and jockeys Ken White and Buster Rooney who

rode for Denzil at times.

Bill Clay, who was secretary of the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point for more years than he probably cares to remember, and who always looked after my needs as a point-to-point reporter, writes: "The photo and article in the October 11 GEM is of Ivor Lewis, son of Posie Lewis, as you rightly said. She turned out a number of good horses from her Porthkerry Stables. I for trained for a number of years in Wiltshire. The rider is his wife, Carol, the daughter of Sir Hugo and Lady Boothby of Fommon. Major Creighton was boss of Creighton Griffiths. His son Michael was a keen rider with the Glamorgan Hounds."

Point Of Principle, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan and ridden by Alan Johns, failed by one-and-three-quarter lengths to catch the winner Garo De Juille, after making a couple of mistakes in The Chepstow Contract Rentals 10 Year Anniversary Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle last

Saturday.

A winner at Ascot last February, *Point Of Principle* still picked up £8,945 for finishing second.

Evan Williams' *Court Minstrel*, at 11-years-old the oldest horse in the race and the winner in 2015 and 2017, who looked a picture in the paddock, came from a long way behind to finish seventh of the 18 starters under Williams' daughter Isabel, the only female rider in the race.

Williams, who is the leading trainer at Chepstow, took the closing Join The Corals Champions Club For Mares Handicap with his 10-year-old *Still Believing*, who partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge won by a length from *The Wicker Chicken*.

FLINT'S BIRTHDAY
VALE trainer John Flint was greeted with cries of 'Happy Birthday To You' in the owners and trainers at Chepstow on Saturday where he was invited to blow out the candle on a little cake that someone had brought along

for the happy occasion.

John, who was celebrating his 55th birthday, always has a friendly word win or lose.

BOWENS HAVE PLENTY

TO SMILE ABOUT
PETER BOWEN and his son Sean had plenty to smile about at Newton Abbot on Friday (October 12).

Just over 45 minutes after landing the £18,705 Weatherbys Racing Bank Intermediate Chase on his father's *Beggar's Wishes*, Sean rode his dad's top-weighted *Rolling Maul* to victory in the £15,358 Weatherbys Racing Bank Foreign Exchange Handicap Hurdle.

Beggar's Wishes, an 8-1 chance, finished one and a quarter lengths ahead of the Paul Nicholls-trained *Dolas* and *Rolling Maul*, who was landing a three-timer, scored by three parts of a length from David Pipe's *TimeForBen* and was returned at odds of 5-1.

Email your racing news and views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920736438.

Two in a row for Cottrell Park



Cottrell Park's Mixed Ping Team. Photo by Jenny McGlyne.

COTTRELL Park won the Ping Mixed Team Challenge at Abersoch Golf Club on October 8, and retained the trophy the club won last year.

Sixty teams of six players from all over Wales competed in the annual match play knockout competition run by Wales Golf and sponsored by Ping.

After four rounds, four teams played in the semi final. This year Cottrell Park played Royal Porthcawl then Woodlake Park in the final.

The players representing the club in the finals were Bill Bryce and Nan

Thomas, Tony Parsons and Helen Evans, Tony Williams and Megan Cullinane.

Eleanor Lewis, Helen Little, Tina Morgan and Lowri Roberts also played in previous rounds.

Team manager, Jenny McGlyne, said: "Cottrell Park has reached finals weekend in each of the past five years. To win this prestigious competition once is an achievement.

"Winning twice in successive years is an even greater feat, which no other club has done. All the players have shown great commitment and truly work together as a team."

Late collapse sees Farmers concede trophy chances

GLAMORGAN Farmers' Golf Society members welcomed their playing colleagues from the Monmouthshire Farming fraternity last Thursday for the annual pair's competition for the Intercounty Shield played on the Button course.

This was the 30th consecutive year this competition had been played with the overall score since its formation in 1989 being 14 to 13 in favour of the Monmouthshire Farmers with two matches halved.

Having failed to win the inter-county trophy since 2010, the Glamorgan captain Keith James had selected what

he considered a team strong enough to succeed and regain the shield, a feat not achieved since 2010 when the Glamorgan team were led by Mr Gino Cocco.

Playing for one point on the front and back nine holes and also one point for the overall result of each match, 11 pairs assembled in the clubhouse all anxious to return with the maximum three points.

Society captain Keith James, partnered with Julian Golunski, picked up two points in the opening match against Nick Hill and Mike Daniel, and a further two points gained by Charles Vicary and Tony McCarthy against John Anstee and John Duthie set the home team off to a winning start.

Unfortunately, Reg Davies and Tosh Taylor failed to get anything out



Monmouthshire captain Nick Hill receives the trophy from Keith James.

of their match against Jonathan Davies and Malcolm Francis, with a further disappointment suffered by Martyn Edwards and Clive Edwards, who had a zero return against Ken Davies and Martin Richardson.

Old campaigners Glyn Watts-Jones and Chris Watson returned with the maximum three points against Gwyn Jones and Gary French, followed by Dan Jarvis and Ray Thomas who dropped just half a point in their match against Tommy Price and Alan Thomas.

A shock whitewash suffered by Bryan Owen and Rob Price against Andy Hilditch and Andy

Gully was repeated a few minutes later when a shellshocked Brian Jones and Gwyn Thomas failed to get anything out of their match against James Richardson and Rhys Hinton.

With the Monmouthshire team leading by two points, everything hinged on the final two matches out on the course.

Unfortunately, zero returns by John Davies and Lyn Thomas against John Morgan and Trevor Baker and also Robbie and Dai Llewellyn in their match against Jan Francis and Mike Williams resulted in the Monmouthshire team finishing with 20.5 points to the 12.5 accumulated by the Glamorgan team.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Brian Jones, Johnnie Walker, Reg Davies and Tommy Price who also collected the longest drive prize. Trevor Baker correctly guessed 71 balls would fail to return home which raised £86 for Operation Christmas Child.

Society members are now looking forward to their monthly meeting on October 25 at Raglan Park Golf Club sponsored by Mr Brian Lakin of Sigma3 Kitchens and Bathrooms. T.McC

Ladybirds enjoy the seniors section's golf!

A GOOD field of 31 members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section, accompanied by several hundreds of thousands of ladybirds, took to the fairways in glorious sunshine to play an individual Stableford competition off yellow tee boxes.

Ladybirds are said to bestow luck and vice-captain David Hughes must have been a very willing host in returning an impressive 42 points, six better than par, to claim the victory.

Philip Hutton, five points back on 37, took second place while Ian Taylor, in contention for both Victor Ludorum and the Order of Merit, secured third place with 36 points.

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Golfers impress at tournament



SIX Special Olympics Wales golfers set off from their home club of St Andrews Major Golf Club for the Special Olympics West Midland Golf Tournament which was held in Bromsgrove Golf Club on October 1.

First to tee off were the 18 hole Division 1 players with Sam Lazenbury taking second place with a round of 93 in a closely-fought group.

In the Division 2, 18 hole competition, James Savory (Barry) finished first in the division and fourth overall with a round of 111.

Our next golfers were in the nine hole competition Division 1, with another closely-fought competition with two players on 59; on count back Matthew Prewett (Lavernock) came in second with his round of 59.

In the nine hole

Division 2, first with a round of 60 was Gareth Lloyd (Barry), while Mark Eveleigh (Barry) came fourth with a round of 67.

In the nine hole Division 3, Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) came fourth with a round of 79.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteer, the sports we cover within Special Olympics Cardiff and Vale group are badminton, bocce, boccia, indoor bowls, golf, artistic gymnastics, sprint kayaking, Ten pin bowling and swimming.

For more information, contact Jeff Savory via specialolympicswales@gmail.com or 0780 316 5581.

Pictured left to right are Gareth Lloyd, Matthew Prewett, Mark Eveleigh, James Savory, Sam Lazenbury and Adrian Abbott.

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Barrivale Bridge Club news

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club for October 9:

The men's and ladies pairs – session two – saw the first three places go to: 1. Mike Close and Mick Green 69.10 per cent; 2. Simon Richards and Mark Roderick 68.40 per cent; 3. Adrian Trickey and Peter Millar 65.63 per cent. The handicap winners were Alan Rees and Pat Price.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays

at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced players or players who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions: Fridays at 10am (doors open 9.45am) in the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

The sessions help to improve your play with great support and encouragement along the way.

Come and give it a try and learn more about this popular and fascinating game from excellent instructors, you will soon be hooked! LH

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Yet more drama as Cowbridge RFC and Penygraig battle it out

AFTER the drama of the loss in the SWALEC Bowl competition the previous weekend, Saturday was round two for Cowbridge RFC against Penygraig, this time in the league - and it was another cracker of a match.

Despite storm Callum the pitch was in very good condition and both teams were much the same saves for change for both teams at centre and Penygraig's hooker now at flanker.

The opening minutes were all Cowbridge but some breaks in continuity thwarted an end product. Nine minutes in and full back Zac Summerhayes sent his penalty straight between the posts.

A loose Penygraig kick saw Cowbridge kick through to Penygraig's 22 but their scrum half was caught and didn't release the ball. This time Summerhayes sent his penalty kick wide.

Just before the midpoint outside half

Gareth Williams-Davies set up a great counter attack that put Summerhayes on a 55 metre run.

Shortly after that captain Ross Gibbon stole a Penygraig lineout and the team gained another 10 metres. Close to the line flanker Ellis Reed drove to the line then fellow flanker Joe Davies before prop George Thomas actually went over but couldn't ground the ball.

Three minutes later and real drama as more drives saw captain Gibbon cross the line despite an illegal tackle. The referee yellow-carded the Penygraig second row for not using his arms but did not award either a try or penalty try.

Scrum half Hywel Williams, if not in the thick of things going forward, was bringing down much bigger forwards.

On 25 minutes another mystifying decision came for not releasing the opponent in what seemed to be maul rather than a tackle and Penygraig's very good

outside half put over their first points.

With minutes to half-time, after an extraordinary half, Joe Davies took a stinger and came to the sidelines. Connor Wyatt raced on but within a minute he was yellow-carded, leaving the pitch again baffled by the decision.

With one of the last plays Penygraig had the ball on Cowbridge's 22 but didn't know which way to go until their outside half solved it with a seemingly good drop goal to make the half-time score 6-3.

Within two minutes of the restart young wing Rhydian Williams fielded the ball in his 22 and came forward to the edge of the 22 to kick and was then flattened by his opposite number running into him after the kick; their No 14 was given a red card.

Williams-Davies moved the defence first right then left with centre Tom James recovering a difficult pass and then out to fellow centre loan Lewis to glide over the ground and then kick ahead but was just beaten to the ball over the line. Penygraig had a penalty chance that thankfully went wide.

Minutes later Rhydian was in the wars again this time putting in a high kick and running forward only to be tripped as he passed their No 6, with a yellow card for him.

Cowbridge, with their tails up, attacked again, Williams-Davies to Lewis and another kick

that this time bobbled about agonisingly with the line beckoning that Penygraig got back to defend.

Penygraig brought lights on as the skies darkened, and from his own 22 their full back set off on a great 60 metre run. Their No 10 got on the ball and dabbled the ball though to Cowbridge's line where the chaser couldn't ground it but a scrum on the five metre line was ordered.

No 8 Dan Holder, under pressure, seemed to have picked up from the base of the scrum and driven forward only to be penalised for picking out of the scrum.

Another scrum was taken and then another with Penygraig's strong pack exerting huge pressure but Cowbridge stood firm and survived.

On 25 minutes, after a powerful performance in the tight and loose, second row Sam Richards came to the side with a wrist injury and Aaron Bowman came on. With Holder also carrying a knock the battle was taking a toll.

Cowbridge had another penalty that went wide and then on the attack Cowbridge worked Summerhayes down the left wing before a brilliant tackle by their opposite denied a near certain score.

But there was no denying Cowbridge as they attacked into the left corner through wing Harry Thomas then the excellent Holder before

Gibbon, after a great game, got his just reward by crossing the line and Summerhayes put over a difficult conversion near the touchline.

From the kick off Bowman ran forward to catch the ball but was upended by the player coming towards him. Bowman reacted to that illegality but got a couple of punches for his trouble and when the dust settled the referee gave a second yellow to their No 6 and a very harsh red card to Bowman.

From the penalty Cowbridge put the ball out and the game was won 6-10.

An absorbing game which was a credit to both sides but an indomitable spirit won through in a great team effort.

This Saturday the first XV take on Fairwater, currently top of the league, at home in what will be a mighty challenge, and on October 27 the first XV travel to Cefn Coed.

The youth entertain Merthyr at home and the second XV are also in action for the first time this season - all available players are needed especially with injuries mounting.

To finish the day there is a band playing from 7pm, contact Barry Sullivan for more details or the club.

Finally birthday wishes go to club stalwart Rob Vaughan on his 65th birthday on October 17.

RV/RK

Reserves bag four against Penybont

AFTER defeat in their previous game, Llantwit Major AFC reserves faced their nearest opponents Penybont, hoping to get back to winning ways.

Windmill Lane passed a pitch inspection and looked in good condition despite the bad weather leading up to the match as both teams arrived keen to amend previous losses.

The match started with the visitors pressing Llantwit and forcing errors across their field with keeper Carl Roberts calmly soaking up any pressure towards him.

However it was the home side who scored the first of the game, and Stephen Phillips' first of the season, as he went solo, gliding past a player before slipping the ball past their goal keeper.

Llantwit continued to play and cause Penybont problems and the second came within minutes, Josh Morgan found himself one-on-one with a defender in the box only to get brought down as he looked to quickly change direction.

Josh scored the penalty to make it 2-0 with the home side piling more pressure on the Penybont defence.

The Major's three central midfielders - Lewis Brown, Gethin, Jennings and Lee Jones - started to enjoy plenty of possession as their quality helped their team create plenty of chances, and it was Jones who got the team's third just before the half

with a lovely cross from Brown as Jones volleyed past the keeper at the near post.

The second half saw a revived Penybont side who stuck together and had a good spell early in the half with a few chances, one bringing the best out of Roberts as he produced a double save.

As Penybont pushed forward Llantwit saw opportunities on the counter with Brown finding space outside the box; with no forward pass available he decided to shoot and finish brilliantly in the top right corner, leaving their keeper no chance.

The visitors never gave up and they scored an excellent strike from over 35 yards out.

The game ended 4-1 to Llantwit Major, and captain Joe Cutter mentioned the importance of the win after the previous defeat and praised fellow defenders Colm Garret, Aaron Wrigley and wingbacks Morgan Gore and Chris Vinson for their efforts to keep Penybont's attack at bay throughout the game.

This week sees both first team and reserve team play away as the first team play Pontyclun in the first round of the Welsh Cup and the reserves play Goytre in the league.

Team: C. Roberts, C. Garret, A. Wrigley, J. Cutter, M. Gore, C. Vinson, L. Brown, G. Jennings, L. Jones, J. Morgan, S. Phillips. Substitutes: M. Gingle, L. Jennings, J. Vickers, R. Malton, J. Longman.

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Tigers are defeated



FOR the first time this season, Llantwit Major RFC under-13 Tigers were able to field an almost full-strength team as they travelled away to Pentryrch.

In very wet conditions, the Tigers were buoyed by last week's positive performance, and were hoping to continue on an upward trajectory.

Unfortunately, although once again competitive in the forwards, they came up second best to a very efficient Pentryrch outfit who were ultimately comfortable winners.

There were positives to take, of course, with Dan Bartlett increasing his try count for the season with a close range effort supported by the rest of the forwards, and new player Ben Raymond making his debut for the

team from the bench in the second half.

The highlight of the game was to see the progress of man of the match Dexter Milburn, who, in only his second start, repeatedly stopped Pentryrch attacks down the flanks with a fantastic display of tackling.

Congratulations to Pentryrch on their win, and well done to the Tigers who kept on playing and will only get better as the season continues.

Squad: Kian Barnett, Flynn Barry, Dan Bartlett, Marley Bracher, Ryan Daw, Robert Dixon, Ollie Gale, Thomas George, Blake Gifford, Ethan Harding, Kai Harris, Carwyn John (c), Tom Jones, Tom Lamerton, Dexter Milburn, Ben Raymond and Tom Sheldon.

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Cowbridge Darts League news

ON Tuesday, October 9 a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.

The Edmondess B stay top of the league with a 9-0 win over the Red Lion Inn. The Highwayman Inn remain in second place with a 6-3 win over the Farmers Arms, but with an 8-1 victory over the Edmondess C, the Edmondess A are catching them. In the other league match Llanharri beat the One Town Hall Square 7-2.

In the extra game, the Victoria Inn beat the Hairly Farmers 7-2. It was an evening of notable individual performance.

Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms), Rhys Jury (Edmondess C) and Simon Reader (Hairly Farmers) all hitting 180s. In fact, this was Nigel's second this season. Also, Tom Verrill (Highwayman Inn) hit a 112 out, the highest out

so far.

Present league standings are: Edmondess B (33 points), Highwayman Inn (27), Edmondess A (24), Victoria Inn and Farmers Arms (13), Llanharri (11), Hairly Farmers (9), Edmondess C (6), One Town Hall Square (5) and Red Lion Inn (3).

Next week (Tuesday, October 23) we will have another full programme of fixtures.

In the league the Farmers Arms hosts the Edmondess B, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Victoria Inn, the Red Lion Inn hosts Llanharri and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Hairly Farmers. In addition, the Edmondess A hosts the Edmondess C.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Local club enjoy a bumper year!

THE Juniors, Seniors and Masters members from Llantwit Major Lifeguards are coming to the end of a very active 2018.

From the Mini-League and Welsh and GB Stillwaters pool competitions at the beginning of the year to the summer championships the club have competed at many events over the year.

Many medals have been won in the competitions and lots of fun and camaraderie had in process.



The club would like to thank all of the effort and time the Juniors, Seniors and Masters

covering swimming, surf ski, beach and board sports, voluntary patrols, lifeguards exams and competencies and attended many socials over the course of the year.

Members from the various age groups have also covered weekly training sessions

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